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CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of City Council.

Monday, January 5, 1948.

The members-elect of the City Council assembled in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 11 a. m., Senior Member-Elect Wenzler in the Chair.

On motion of Councilor-Elect HURLEY, it was voted that a committee of two be appointed by the Chair to escort his Honor the Mayor to the Chamber.

The Chair appointed Councilors-Elect Linehan and Hurley to escort his Honor the Mayor to the Chamber, and the City Messenger was requested to conduct them. The committee appointed left the Chamber and presently returned, escorting his Honor the Mayor.

Chairman WENZLER—Ladies and gentlemen, I present the Mayor of Boston, the Honorable James M. Curley.

Mayor CURLEY—The invocation will be said by the Most Reverend John J. Wright, Auxiliary Bishop of Boston.

Most Reverend JOHN J. WRIGHT—In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost, Amen.

I shall read passages from the Sacred Scripture.

"The wise man will seek out the wisdom of all the ancients and will be occupied in the prophets.

He will keep the sayings of renowned men and will enter withal into the subtilties of parables.

He will search out the hidden meaning of proverbs and will be conversant in the secrets of parables.

He shall serve among great men and appear before the governor.

He shall pass into strange countries; for he shall try good and evil among men.

He will give his heart to resort early to the Lord that made him and he will pray in the sight of the most High.

He will open his mouth in prayer and will make supplication for his sins.

For it shall please the great Lord, he will fill him with the spirit of understanding.

And he will pour forth the words of his wisdom as showers; and in his prayer he will confess to the Lord.

And he shall direct his counsel, and his knowledge, and in his secrets shall he meditate.

He shall shew forth the discipline he hath learned; and shall glory in the law of the covenant of the Lord.

Many shall praise his wisdom, and it shall never be forgotten.

The memory of him shall not depart away; and his name shall be in request from generation to generation.

Nations shall declare his wisdom; and the church shall shew forth his praise.

If he continue, he shall leave a name above a thousand; and if he rest, it shall be to his advantage."

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"Lord, who shall dwell in thy tabernacle? Or who shall rest in thy holy hill?

He that walketh without blemish, and worketh justice.

He that speaketh truth in his heart; who hath not used deceit in his tongue.

Nor hath done evil to his neighbor, nor taken up a reproach against his neighbors.

In his sight the malignant is brought to nothing; but he glorifieth them that fear the Lord.

He that sweareth to his neighbor, and deceiveth not; he that hath not put out his money to usury, nor taken bribes against the innocent.

He that doeth these things shall not be moved for ever."

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"Blessed be the Lord, who hath given rest to his people Israel, according to all that he promised: There hath not failed so much as one word of all the good things that he promised by his servant Moses.

The Lord our God be with us, as he was with our fathers, and not leave us, nor cast us off,

But may he incline our hearts to himself, that we may walk in all his ways, and keep his commandments, and his ceremonies, and all his judgments which he commanded our fathers.

And let these my words, wherewith I have prayed before the Lord, be nigh unto the Lord our God day and night; that he may do judgment for his servant, and for his people Israel day by day."

Through Christ our Lord, Amen.

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost, Amen.

Mayor CURLEY—The City Clerk will read a communication from the Election Commissioners certifying the new members elected to the City Council, and will call the roll.

Assistant City Clerk MALLOY read the certification of the Election Commissioners to the election of the following members of the City Council:

Ward 1, James S. Coffey, 451 Meridian street.
Ward 2, Michael Leo Kinsella, 7 Belmont street.
Ward 3, George T. Lanigan, 61 Allen street.
Ward 4, Perlie Dyar Chase, 136 Huntington avenue.
Ward 5, John E. Yerxa, 3 Fairfield street.
Ward 6, John B. Wenzler, 514 East Broadway.
Ward 7, Thomas E. Linehan, 770 Columbia road.
Ward 8, William F. Hurley, 76 Mt. Pleasant avenue.
Ward 9, Daniel F. Sullivan, 9 Highland street.
Ward 10, William A. Carey, 139 St. Alphonsus street.
Ward 11, Philip A. Tracy, 49 Atherton street.
Ward 12, Milton Cook, 168 Ruthven street.
Ward 13, Thomas J. Hannon, 15 Hartford street.
Ward 14, Julius Ansel, 25 Calder street.
Ward 15, Robert J. Ramsey, 39 Cameron street.
Ward 16, John J. Beades, 278 Minot street.
Ward 17, William Joseph Keenan, 78 Fairmount street.
Ward 18, Michael H. Cantwell, 4 Violante street.
Ward 19, Thomas L. McCormack, 30 Orchard street.
Ward 20, Walter D. Bryan, 18 Alhambra road.
Ward 21, Edmund V. Lane, 1666 Commonwealth avenue.
Ward 22, Vincent J. Shanley, 73 Parsons street.

The roll of members-elect was called, all of whom were present, and the Mayor then administered the oath of office to the 22 councilors-elect.

Mayor CURLEY—The City Clerk will read the certification of election of the members of the School Committee.

Assistant City Clerk MALLOY read the certification of election of the three members of the School Committee, as follows:

Daniel J. McDevitt, 238 South Huntington avenue.
Isadore H. Y. Muchnick, 9 Powellton road.
Joseph C. White, 12 Ruskin street.

The three members-elect were present.

Mayor CURLEY then administered the oath of office to the three members-elect of the School Committee.

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ADDRESS BY MAYOR CURLEY.

Mayor CURLEY then delivered his address, as follows:

Gentlemen of the City Council, Members of the School Committee, Most Reverend Bishop Wright, and Citizens of Boston.

The year 1948 upon which we are about to embark finds a bewildered world with everyone fearful as to the possibility of war with Russia, and with communistic groups active in most of the European countries. These communistic groups were equally active even while the war was in progress, and since the close of the war have been increasingly active in our own country in the fostering of discord through strikes, demands for wage increases, and shortening of the hours of labor with the purpose of limiting production, stifling industry, and creating general chaos.

In more recent months it has been evident in the attacks on all religions, and it has been tolerated in our own country without the adoption of measures that would speedily end these destructive tactics. Abraham Lincoln once said "there never was a good war or a bad peace," and it is about time that America took inspiration from the wisdom of Abraham Lincoln and served notice on Russia that we are prepared to take immediate steps to have enacted, between the United States

and the countries who favor a democratic form of government, a program of economic warfare which would make unnecessary the shedding of blood through a shooting war.

Notice served upon Premier Stalin and his group that America would refuse to provide anything that might be necessary to his government and refuse to trade with them, regarding them as outlaws, either now or hereafter, unless they agree to join in the program for permanent world peace at once, would be more effective than anything that might be done by the United Nations. I realize that the United Nations has accomplished much despite the constant harriers raised by the forces of communism in that Body, and I likewise realize that a recourse to arms and the shedding of blood of innocent people as a means of settling international differences has been the policy for thousands of years, but the time has come for the adoption of a more sane and rational policy as a means of establishing and maintaining permanent peace in the world. The time has arrived for courageous and decisive action, the kind of action upon the part of America that made possible the American Republic.

Here in Boston the tocsin was sounded by the courageous handful in the early brave days when they threw down the gauntlet to the then most powerful nation in the world and carried on the war for a period of eight long years until the freedom of the colonies was established and the liberty of the individual man made possible. The knowledge that they possessed neither army nor navy, and that to conduct the war to a successful conclusion was only possible through capture of the ships of the enemy on the sea and the arms of the enemy on land was no deterrent to these early Americans. Now, surely, at a time when the United States possesses greater power than all nations of the world combined, in the air, on land, and on sea, with its agencies of production, wealth, and food supply, it is about time to stop the policy of attempting to appease Russia and assert ourselves, not for the enslavement of any people, for the acquisition of the territories of any nation, but for the establishment of that for which the women and men of the world have prayed from the beginning of creation — permanent peace based on social and economic justice.

The accomplishment of this great objective is possible provided we possess the vision and courage displayed by the brave handful in the early days when America had its birth. It is about time that the truth, which is now whispered, was spoken out loud, namely, that World War I and World War II resulted in a crepe on one out of every three doors in Russia. These families had given a son, a husband, or a father to the God of War, and, fearful as were the ravages of these two wars upon the people of Russia, it would be as nothing compared to the dreadful specter of famine as a result of economic warfare.

It must be apparent to every thoughtful individual that the terrific toll upon the population of Russia, namely, 45,000,000 persons killed, or a total ten times greater than the entire population of the State of Massachusetts, as a consequence of World War I, the revolution succeeding it, and World War II, would cause them to be fearful of the menace of a famine more dreadful than bloody warfare. The mere announcement of our position with reference to economic warfare plus our strength and power should be sufficient to compel Premier Stalin and his cohorts to agree to the program which would mean peace in the world and security for the people of his own country, while failure to agree would unquestionably result in revolution in Russia, and those responsible for the failure to agree to a program of peace would be compelled to travel down the bloody road taken by Tamerlane, Napoleon Bonaparte, Caesar, Kaiser Wilhelm, Hitler, Mussolini, and countless others, whom Almighty God, in His wisdom, decreed "had gone too far."

World War II ended in 1945, and its end was marked by sadness, sorrow, and tears in countless homes throughout the entire world. It has been further marked by an estoppel of an orderly program for the welfare and happiness of all the people of the world. The diversion of industry, agriculture, and in fact every activity, to the preparation for the conduct of war resulted in a complete transformation of all normal activities, as conducted in peace times, with the result that substantially every community in the world is required to bear a burden for normal peace activities in a period of a few years that might be spread over seven years or more.

While rejoicing in the end of war and offering our prayers to Almighty God that it has ended, a duty still remains for all to earnestly pray that we may be spared participation in another war because of the character which that war must inevitably take on. World War II differed from any previous war in the world's history, in that it was not a conflict in which armies alone were engaged. It was what was known as an all-out war, in which not only the men who served in the armies and navies were the victims, but entire populations of countries, men, women, and children, were subjected to destruction — none were permitted to escape the atrocities and ravages.

The closing days of the war witnessed the introduction of a new weapon, more deadly and destructive than any that ever had been previously used, a weapon that destroyed entire peoples and communities, and which weapon, in the event of another war, might be more generally used and, if used, result in the destruction of all that society had created and built up from the beginning of time.

Truly this must not happen again, and in my judgment the most potent agency for the prevention of another war is the sending to the throne of Almighty God and His Blessed Mother on high a prayer for peace from the hearts of all right-thinking people in the world. It is not much to offer, and we can all do our part in this particular.

Almighty God in His mercy and generosity has been extremely kind to us as a municipality, and for this we should give expression through prayer of our thanks in that we have been spared from serious disasters and epidemics.

The problems of reconversion and reconstruction in our city as a consequence of World War II, which appeared insurmountable two years ago, are gradually being overcome, and we have met our every obligation in such manner as to achieve the highest possible rating from financial agencies.

The suspension of essential needs in substantially every department of the city during the period of the war made necessary the expenditures of vast sums of money of which the present and future generations will be beneficiaries.

It must be understood that the primary functions of a city are the care of its sick, the prevention of disease, and the protection of lives and property from the ravages of conflagration, without entailing an insurmountable burden which must be borne by home owners and business generally. To this work we have dedicated our best efforts, and the results have been most gratifying. It must be understood further that the work is one in which every element of the community should share, as the achievement of a proper measure of success is beyond the power of any single individual.

It is pleasing to note that the Boston City Hospital, the largest single hospital unit in the world, is today enjoying the highest rating; and for the first time in a long period of years the same rating, namely, Grade A, has been accorded the institution for the poor at Long Island by all medical authorities.

The Fire Department, which was in a complete state of demoralization two years ago, is today equipped with apparatus and men, making that department second to none of its size in the entire country.

The Public Works Department, two years ago lacking in substantially every facility required to conduct properly this department, is today in a position to cope with any emergency that arises, and this is substantially true of every department of the city.

There is a serious question, as pointed out by certain leaders of organized labor, as to the advisability of granting further increases in wages. It must be apparent to everyone, that every increase in wages means a further increase in the cost of every commodity and yet the vicious circle has been allowed to grow, until today it has become a menace to the future of every individual and particularly the little man who, in the last analysis, is required to bear almost the entire burden.

After a long study with a view to adjusting salaries and ending the rewarding of favorites, it was decided to make a permanent part of the salaries of city employees the emergency $200 granted to employees of the city, and to give them $200 additional, or a total of $400, to meet the increase in the cost of living. The "privileged groups" immediately demanded more than this scale, and the Legislature acceded to their request,

imposing a further burden upon the home owners and businessmen through an increase in the tax rate. An increase in the tax rate is reflected by tbe increase in the rent paid.

It must be apparent to every intelligent individual that every increase in wages is reflected by an increase in the cost of commodities, so that the purchasing power of the individual becomes less and the granting of further demands simply adds to the increase in the cost of living. It is about time to end this system, and it can only be ended by every individual taking a more active part in legislation that directly affects his living. It must be understood that the owners of real property represent but a small portion of the population as contrasted with the great purchasing public who, in the last analysis, are required to bear almost the entire burden of increased costs, but whicb they seldom realize or appreciate they are required to meet.

Legislative enactments plus referendum votes adopted by the people on important financial measures, with no consideration given as to where the revenue may be obtained to meet the obligations entailed,resulted in an increase in 1947 of seven and one-half million dollars, and these burdens carried for a full year in 1948 may represent in the vicinity of ten million dollars additional. It must be remembered that every additional million dollars in the conduct of the activities of the city means an increase in the tax rate of seventy cents, so that we are confronted with an increase in the tax rate of seven dollars per thousand of valuation, unless revenue-producing measures are enacted by the incoming Legislature, or relief is accorded the city in the same manner enjoyed by municipalities in other portions of the country, all of whom are confronted with a like condition.

The forty-eight-hour law for firemen, the day-off-in-six for members of the Police Department, the increased wage scale for teachers, the increase in maximum and minimum salaries for members of the Fire and Police Departments, the general increase for all employees of the city, the forty-hour week for city employees, the retirement on pension of veterans after ten years of service with the city, the increased cost of commodities of every character, and the rising cost of welfare and education were all burdens imposed upon the city with no revenue-producing legislation to provide for tbe added costs of conducting these municipal activities. It is clearly the duty of the state to enact legislation for the reimbursement by the state of a sufficient sum to cover anticipated requirements, essential in 1948, if we are to avoid imposing further burdens upon real estate, which can only be reflected in increased rents entailing further increases in the cost of living.

I realize how necessary some of these increases were, and it is to be hoped that the Legislature will enact legislation to meet the obligations imposed by them on the municipality.

The federal government, during the past year, granted a refund to corporations in Massachusetts in the sum of $350,000,000, and in view of the fact that an income tax paid the state is deductible from federal income taxes, it would appear but proper to increase corporate taxes from the present 5 1-2 per cent to 10 per cent. This additional revenue would make possible the distribution by the state to the cities and towns of the Commonwealth, of some $33,000,000, and provided it was distributed on a basis of valuation, one-fourth of this sum would be available to the City of Boston. A tax of this character is far preferable to a sales tax and would provide the money necessary to meet the mounting costs of education and welfare, and make unnecessary too great a burden upon the already heavy one borne by the community.

I direct attention to this particular measure as one that will provide immediate relief to all the cities and towns of the Commonwealth, and yet I recognize the power of the forces that will be arrayed to prevent adoption of this legislation. Consequently, I appeal to the entire people of the city to use their influence with their regularly-elected senators and representatives to the State Legislature, with a view to the enactment of this legislation and further, that they insist that provision be made, in the event of added burdens being placed upon the city, that ways and means to meet the same be provided.

An analysis recently made as to the number o persons placed at work in the city service between January 1, 1946, and December 29, 1947, a period of twenty-four months, discloses the fact that legislative enactments plus referendum votes are responsible for an increase of nearly 2,000 in the number of persons employed by the city, while the departments directly under control of the Mayor show an increase in appointments of but 70 persons during this same period of time.

The adoption of the forty-eight-hour week by referendum vote of the people was responsible for an increase of 596 men in the Fire Department. The forty-hour week authorized by the Legislature was responsible for an increase of 437 employees in the Hospital Department. Legislative enactment providing for one day off in six for members of the Police Department, together with the restoration of quotas depleted during the war, was responsible for the appointment of 275 men. Appointments made by the School Committee, over which the Mayor has no control, unfortunately, were responsible for 203 additional employees, notwithstanding the fact that there are several thousand less pupils than there were two years ago. It is rather hard to understand why they should require 203 more teachers for some 3,000 less pupils. The extension of Rapid Transit facilities in East Boston has made necessary the appointment of 285 additional men. Legislative enactments providing for an increase in Aid to Dependent Children, Old Age Assistance, and Dependent Aid, have resulted in the appointment of 41 additional persons to administer the aid in the Welfare Department.

Legislation making provision for veterans and their dependents has made necessary the appointment of 27 additional employees in the Veterans' Bureau. A reduction in the working hours of the employees of the Printing Department to conform to union agreement, made necessary the appointment of 10 additional persons. The establishment of a second retirement system for city employees, authorized by the Legislature, made necessary the employment of 7 additional men. The adoption of legislation making provision for off-street parking facilities made necessary the appointment of 4 additional men in the Real Estate Commission, or a total of 1,885 additional employees, all beyond the control of the Mayor.

In the departments under the control of the Mayor, a reduction has been made in the Bureau of Americanization in the number of 10 persons through the abolition of this department in January of 1946; the Municipal Employment Bureau reduced its personnel from 15 to 11; the Public Celebrations Department, from 4 to 3; the Payroll Allotment Division, from 18 to 16; the Veterans' Information Center was abolished and the services of 13 persons dispensed with; the Assessing Department has 25 less employees tban on January 1, 1946; the Auditing Department, 1 less; the Board of Recreation was abolished with the services of 139 persons dispensed with; the Election Department reduced from 69 to 54, 15 less employees. The Electrical Inspection Division of the Fire Department reduced its personnel from 34 to 32; the Bridge Service, from 217 to 202; the Ferry Service reduced from 81 to 73; the Sanitary Service, from 376 to 361; the Sewer Service, from 255 to 215; the Registry Department, from 40 to 34; the Street Laying-Out Department, from 77 to 72, and the Treasury Department, from 37 to 34, so that the number of city employees directly under control of the Mayor sbows an appreciable reduction, and, providing we had not been required to conform to either referendum vote or legislative enactments, there would be further reductions rather than increases in personnel in all departments of the city.

I bave instructed department beads not to fill vacancies that occur by new appointments, but to arrange transfers from those departments within the control of the Mayor. Despite the practice of rigid economy in those departments directly under control of the Mayor, it is impossible to achieve the desired goals without the aid of the Legislature and the public.

If the Legislature will cease enacting laws affecting the cities and towns of the Commonwealth, increasing their burdens without making provision for reimbursement, and if the public will develop a greater degree of interest in their own welfare and the welfare of the city in the matter of voting on referendums making provision for increases in the cost of conducting the activities of the city, we can achieve commendable results.

The year 1948 gives promise of being the greatest year, with the exception of 1922, in the history of the city in the matter of new construction. The estimated total value of proposed construction is

in excess of $246,000,000, but, unfortunately, little of this new construction will be subject to taxation until 1949.

This is an indication of the confidence that business has in the future of our city, and is a refutation of the assertion that a change in our system of government is the sole panacea for our ills.

In conclusion, I beg to direct to the attention of carping critics, who never see good in anything that is accomplished, unless sponsored by them, a study of the reports of municipal departments for the year 1947 which should prove most enlightening.

In the annual address of 1947, I directed attention to the fact that, at that time, we were at the crossroads, and to maintain our vaunted position among the great cities of America we must assert our willingness to go forward in the marching events of a progressive era. This we have done.

The solution of our traffic problem is today receiving not only consideration, but direct action, and a housing program for veterans and their dependents is being rapidly provided, and, in addition, provision has been made, entailing the expenditure of many millions of dollars, for the construction of the South End housing development and the development at South Boston, which represented two blights upon the city for a period of six years. The blessings that flow from a happy and contented people, when attained, augment and dignify the spiritual values of a community, so that a solution of the housing problem becomes increasingly vital.

If we are to maintain the advantages of a free government, the primal consideration of all municipalities must first be the family unit. The future clamors for a well-considered and coordinated program, since communal decency breeds prosperous, well-ordered cities, states, and nations. To plan our future solely upon economic planning is like building a house upon shifting sands, since the solidarity of our governmental structure depends upon the reconstruction of moral values. The faith of our fathers is with us. America created a nation—it had its birth in Boston—and in the last two generations made possible the preservation of the freedom of the world.

As members of the city government of Boston, we jointly face the future with that courage which has ever marked American citizenship. We have a profound appreciation of our responsibilities, and the insurmountable problems confronting us in the lessening of our tax burden, as well as the problems of economic adjustments, housing, slum clearance, and the care of the sick and the needy.

In accepting public office we are required to accept the responsibilities which that public office entails, and it is clearly our duty, on the completion of our terms, to leave behind a record of achievements and accomplishments that will justify the faith which the public has reposed in us.

I requested every department to submit a report of their activities for the year 1947. Those will be compiled within the coming week and they will be most illuminating and will show, contrary to general opinion, that most of the smaller departments of the city have been placed on a self-sustaining basis. Certainly, it is one great step forward and if we can do likewise later with the county departments, we will have accomplished something which will justify the existence of the form of government under which we now conduct our business. (Applause.)

The Mayor and suite then retired from the Council Chamber.

Chairman WENZLER. The City Council will now take a recess for five minutes.

The members reassembled in the Council Chamber and were called to order by Chairman Wenzler at 12.09 p. m.

The roll was called and all of the 22 members were present.

The meeting was opened with the salute to the Flag.

PUBLICATION OF MUNICIPAL REGISTER, ETC.

Coun. KINSELLA offered the following:

Ordered, That the Statistics Department be authorized, under the direction of the Committee on Rules, to prepare and have printed the Municipal Register for the current year; and that the Clerk of Committees be authorized to prepare and have printed a pocket edition of the Organization of the City Government; the expense of said register and organization to be charged to the appropriation for City Documents.

The order was passed.

PREPARATION OF COUNCIL RULES.

Coun. KINSELLA offered the following:

Ordered, That a committee of five members be appointed by the President to prepare and report rules to govern the proceedings of the City Council of 1948-49.

The order was passed.

REFERENCE OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS TO COMMITTEES.

Coun. KINSELLA offered the following:

Ordered, That all matters of unfinished business referred to this City Council by the preceding City Council be referred to the appropriate committees when appointed.

The order was passed.

TEMPORARY RULES OF COUNCIL.

Coun. COFFEY offered the following:

Ordered, That the rules of the City Council of 1947, except Rules 14, 25 and 35, be adopted as temporary rules of this Council until permanent rules are adopted.

The order was passed.

TEMPORARY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Coun. COFFEY offered the following:

Ordered, That all the members of the City Council compose a temporary Executive Committee, the chairman to be designated by the presiding officer; said chairman to serve until permanent committees are appointed.

The order was passed.

BALLOT FOR PRESIDENT.

On motion of Councilor Lane the Council voted to proceed to ballot for election of President of the Council for the year 1948.

The roll was called, with the following result:

For Thomas J. Hannon—Councilors Beades, Coffey, Hannon, Hurley, Keenan, Lane, Lanigan, Ramsey, Shanley, Sullivan—10.

For William A. Carey—Councilors Cook, Linehan, McCormack, Tracy—4.

For Thomas E. Linehan—Councilors Chase, Wenzler, Yerxa—3.

For Michael H. Cantwell—Councilor Bryan—1.

For Walter D. Bryan—Councilor Cantwell—1.

For Milton Cook—Councilor Carey—1.

For Julius Ansel—Councilor Kinsella—1.

Councilor Ansel voted Present.

The Chair announced there was no choice.

On motion of Councilor Cook the Council adjourned at 12.19 p. m., to meet at 2.30 p. m.

Afternoon Session.

The members of the Council reassembled at 2.30 p. m. in the Council Chamber, Chairman Wenzler presiding.

On motion of Councilor Sullivan, the Council voted to proceed to the election of a President for the year 1948.

The Clerk called the roll with the following result:

For Thomas J. Hannon—Councilors Ansel, Beades, Coffey, Hannon, Hurley, Keenan, Lane, Lanigan, McCormack, Ramsey, Shanley, Sullivan, Tracy, Wenzler, Yerxa—15.

For William A. Carey—Councilors Bryan, Carey, Cook, Linehan—4.

For John J. Beades—Councilor Kinsella—1.

The Chair announced the election of Councilor Hannon as President, and appointed Councilors Keenan and Beades a committee of two to escort Councilor Hannon to the chair.

Coun. KEENAN and BEADES escorted President Hannon to the chair amid applause.

Councilor Kinsella moved that the election of Councilor Hannon as President be made unanimous, and the Chair ruled the motion out of order.

LOAN IN ANTICIPATION OF REVENUE.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, January 5, 1948.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I am in receipt of the attached communication from the Deputy City Auditor. In accordance with the recommendation contained therein, I submit an order providing for the issuance in anticipation of the revenue receipts of the year 1948 of temporary notes in an amount not to exceed $40,000,000. I respectfully recommend consideration and adoption of this order by your Honorable Body.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Auditing Department, January 5, 1948.

Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Sir,—It is customary to submit to the City Council at its first meeting in the New Year an order authorizing the issuance as needed during the year of temporary loans in anticipation of revenue receipts. Last year the maximum amount of temporary borrowing authorized by the Council was $40,000,000. I respectfully recommend that an order in this amount be submitted to the City Council for consideration and adoption.

Respectfully,
DANIEL J. FALVEY,
Deputy City Auditor.

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Ordered, That to provide temporarily money to meet the appropriations for the financial year 1948, the City Treasurer be, and hereby is, authorized to issue and sell, at such times and in such amounts as he may deem best, notes or certificates of indebtedness of the City of Boston not exceeding $40,000,000 in the total, in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year; that all such notes or certificates of indebtedness be made payable with the interest thereon within one year of their date and bear interest from their rate until the same are made payable at such rate as the City Treasurer and the Mayor may determine. The said City Treasurer is hereby further authorized to renew or refund any such notes issued for a shorter period than one year, under the provisions of section 17 of chapter 44 of the General Laws.

The order was given its first reading and passage, yeas 21, nays 0:

Yeas—Councilors Ansel, Beades, Bryan, Carey, Chase, Coffey, Cook, Hannon, Hurley, Keenan, Kinsella, Lane, Lanigan, Linehan, McCormack, Ramsey, Shanley, Sullivan, Tracy, Wenzler, Yerxa—21.

Nays—0.

APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

Coun. LANE offered the following:

Ordered, That special committees be appointed by the President to consider the subjects indicated by their titles and such other matters as may be referred to them from time to time, viz.:

Building Code, five members.
Constables and Confirmations, three members.
Hospitals, seven members.
Parks and Playgrounds, five members.
Public Housing, five members.
Public Safety, five members.
Public Welfare, five members.
Public Works and Street Commissioners, five members.

The order was passed.

TELEVISION SETS FOR CERTAIN INSTITUTIONS.

Coun. COFFEY offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor consider the advisability of providing television sets for the Long Island Hospital and the Boston Sanatorium for the enjoyment of the patients at said institutions.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

JURORS DRAWN.

One hundred twenty-five traverse jurors, Superior Civil Court, and fifty-seven traverse jurors, Superior Criminal Court, were drawn, Councilors Ansel and Lanigan presiding at the box, in the absence of the Mayor, viz.:

One hundred twenty-five traverse jurors, Superior Civil Court, to appear February 2, 1948:

Alphee J. Hamel, Ward 1; Hjalmar W. Carlson, Ward 1; Frank P. Comunale, Ward 1; Fiore DeSimone, Ward 1; Nicholas J. Guerriero, Ward 1; Edmund H. Kerr, Ward 1; William F. McCarthy Ward 1; William O'Donnell, Ward 1; Ronald Rose, Ward 1; John W. Stott, Ward 1; Charles C. Kirkpatrick, Ward 2; Arthur J. Amadei, Ward 3; John Cirino, Ward 3; Angelo Fiore, Ward 3; Morris Lipsitz, Ward 3; Ralph M. Torino, Ward 3; Howard Carey, Ward 4; Joseph G. Louloudis, Ward 4; James H. Myers, Ward 4; Walter J. Nodler, Ward 4; Charles Coulson, Ward 5; Michael DeRosa, Ward 5; James M. Smith, Ward 5; Harrison M. Staley, Ward 5; Giuseppe Mazzapica, Ward 6; Joseph H. Marnell, Ward 7; Walter W. Sweeney, Ward 7; Thomas S. Theodore, Ward 7; Lawrence B. Doyle, Ward 8; William K. Gibbs, Ward 8; Ernest H. Bishop, Ward 9; Herbert A. Grant, Ward 9; George L. Joseph, Ward 9; Charles A. Newton, Ward 9; John J. Shellene, Jr., Ward 9; Ludwik Tarasweicz, Ward 9; Bernard A. Trottier, Ward 9; Hugh H. Barnett, Ward 10; Michael A. Kelleher, Ward 10; Joseph F. Stack, Ward 10; John Wiseman, Ward 10; James A. Gibson, Ward 11; Edmund G. Ihlefeldt, Ward 11; Frederick J. Oss, Ward 11; Newton F. Woodson, Ward 11; Edward J. Burke, Ward 12; Louis DeLuca, Ward 12; David Dubinskey, Ward 12; Simon Frank, Ward 12; Harry Lichter, Ward 12; Albert Newell, Ward 12; Clinton Sanderson, Ward 12; James B. Stokes, Ward 12; James J. Byrne, Ward 13; Nicholas P. Christie, Ward 13; John J. Coughlin, Jr., Ward 13; Daniel F. Donovan, Ward 13; Maurice F. Fleming, Ward 13; George W. Kelley, Ward 13; Richard A. Littlefield, Ward 13; Meyer Magerer, Ward 13; John A. MacFarlane, Ward 13; Arthur F. O'Brien, Ward 13; James Irving Orr, Ward 13; John H. Prue, Ward 13; Lawrence J. Quirk, Ward 13.

Frederick L. Clauss, Ward 14; Albert Gilbert, Ward 14; Samuel Harris, Ward 14; James M. Manning, Ward 14; Charles Milder, Ward 14; Samuel Nelson, Ward 14; Abraham Shapiro, Ward 14; Jacob Soolman, Ward 14; Joseph Conanno, Ward 15; George L. Gallagher, Ward 15; Richard W. Morin, Ward 15; Henry J. Ricker, Ward 15; Dennis Sullivan, Ward 15; William H. Weymouth, Ward 15; Michael McGrail, Ward 16; Peter F. Monaghan, Ward 16; Edward R. Burns, Ward 17; Benjamin Cohen, Ward 17; Max Fine, Ward 17; Charles R. Ketchum, Ward 17; Francis J. Mahony, Ward 17; John Hubert McLaughlin, Ward 17; Benjamin H. Robbins, Ward 17; Robert Roberts, Ward 17; Francis G. Archambeault, Ward 18; Edward M. Cutler, Ward 18; Frederick J. Fawcett, Ward 18; John H. McCarthy, Ward 18; Joseph T. Nedder, Ward 18; Benjamin O. Siegel, Ward 18; Angus Alexander MacPherson, Ward 19; Charles A. Riley, Ward 19; Arnold C. Steffert, Ward 19; John F. Cromwell, Ward 20; Edward J. Gavin, Ward 20; John E. Higgins, Ward 20; Joseph L. McDonald, Ward 20; George O. Potter, Ward 20; John Shabeen, Ward 20; Raymond J. Walsh, Ward 20; Frederick H. Webber, Ward 20; Clarence D. Wilson, Ward 20; Walter L. Briggs, Ward 21; Sumner D. Charm, Ward 21; William P. Dyer, Ward 21; Robert J. Fielding, Ward 21; Sumner S. F. Goldthwaite, Ward 21; Charles H. Harrington, Ward 21; Charles Jones, Ward 21; Frederick E. Leutsch, Ward 21; Chester H. Libby, Ward 21; Harold C. Mitchell, Ward 21; Albert W. Muther, Ward 21; George L. Robertson, Ward 21; Frank M. Stuart, Ward 21; Karl Bressler, Ward 22; Edmund J. Kon, Ward 22; William L. Heigham, Ward 22; Henry W. Shanley, Ward 22.

Fifty-seven traverse jurors, Superior Criminal Court, to appear February 2, 1948:

Joseph A. Crane, Ward 1; Amedo Dionisi, Ward 1; Robert J. Cannon, Ward 1; John M. Fournier, Ward 2; Gerald DelloRusso, Ward 3; Joseph E. Bresnahan, Ward 4; James F. O'Brien, Ward 4; William L. Sanders, Ward 4; John J. Dwyer, Ward 6; Patrick H. Wallace, Ward 6; Alexander Campbell, Ward 7; John R. Mullin, Ward 7; Robert E. Kelliher, Ward 8; John S. Smythwick,

Ward 8; Walter Byrne, Ward 9; Hugh J. McNally, Ward 9; Joseph C. Santy, Ward 9; Edward Berger, Ward 10; Wilfred L. Desauriers, Ward 10; Frank W. Hall, Ward 10; John McDonnell, Ward 10; William E. Backoff, Ward 11; Stefan Filips, Ward 11; John J. Flaherty, Ward 11; Earl D. McLean, Ward 11; Joseph Wheeler, Ward 11; Anthony W. Gardner, Ward 12; John P. Jones, Ward 12; Warren G. Williams, Ward 12; James R. Wilson, Ward 12; William X. Kennedy, Ward 13; Max Baron, Ward 14; Morris Gilman, Ward 14; George Rotford, Ward 14; Samuel H. Shotlender, Ward 14; Joseph C. Clark, Ward 15; Joseph P. Kelley, Ward 15; Martin A. Reilly, Ward 15; Chester A. Sherman, Ward 15; John H. Blood, Ward 16; Thomas J. Connelly, Ward 16; Ernest H. Magnusson, Ward 16; Daniel L. O'Meara, Ward 18; Gerald J. Sanborn, Ward 18; Walter N. Bohn, Ward 19; Roderick H. Eldridge, Ward 19; Fred W. Mayo, Ward 19; John Oberling, Ward 19; Edward A. Snow, Ward 19; Felix F. Turley, Ward 19; Dennis P. Casey, Ward 20; Cyril J. Keleher, Ward 20; Mitchell H. Kolsti, Ward 20; Chester L. Beck, Ward 21; Philip U. Parker, Ward 21; Arthur J. Ware, Ward 21; Alexander B. Horsfall, Ward 22.

PERMITS FOR CHILDREN.

A petition for children under 15 years of age to appear at places of public amusement was received as follows:

Tributary Children's Theatre, New England Mutual Hall, January 17 and 31.

Permit granted, under usual conditions.

Adjourned, on motion of Councilor Keenan, at 3.19 p. m., to meet on Monday, January 12, 1948, at 2 p. m.

Note: All debate of City Council eliminated from proceedings in accordance with Chapter 447, Acts of 1947.

(Stenographic copy of such debate on file in office of City Clerk.)

CITY OF BOSTON PRINTING DEPARTMENT

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of City Council.

Monday, January 12, 1948.

Regular meeting of the City Council held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 2 p. m., President HANNON in the chair. Absent, Councilor Coffey.

The meeting was opened with the salute to the Flag.

JURORS DRAWN.

One hundred and twelve traverse jurors for the Superior Criminal Court were drawn, Councilor Shanley presiding at the box, in the absence of the Mayor, viz.:

One hundred twelve traverse jurors, Superior Criminal Court, to appear February 9, 1948:

Frederick J. Cotter, Ward 1; Anthony DiSalvo, Ward 1; Pio Guiseppi Ferraro, Ward 1; Warren F. McDonald, Ward 1; Joseph W. Nolan, Ward 1; James Ryan, Ward 1; George M. Sheedy, Ward 1; Neil J. Gill, Ward 2; Albert Syria, Ward 2; George J. McCarron, Ward 3; Harold L. Miller, Ward 4; John Policronis, Ward 4; William G. Durrell, Ward 5; Robert MacKenzie, Ward 5; Gerard E. Mulranen, Ward 5; Edward A. Toronto, Ward 5; John F. Flaherty, Ward 6; Leo J. D'Angelo, Ward 7; Michael P. Finn, Ward 7; Thomas F. Gallagher, Ward 7; Harold Levison, Ward 7; John J. Wyse, Ward 7; James S. Mason, Ward 8; Joseph Barbaro, Ward 9; Lewis W. Clark, Ward 9; Bernard Earley, Ward 9; Robert Gordon, Ward 9; Joseph W. Guarneri, Ward 9; Charles Francis Bradshaw, Ward 10; Michael Courtney, Ward 10; Paul C. Crawford, Ward 10; Francis H. Donahue, Jr., Ward 10; Alfred A. Hinds, Ward 10; Thomas Nee, Ward 10; John Sullivan, Ward 10; Michael J. Sullivan, Ward 10; Frank W. C. Bell, Ward 11; Adolph P. Bingle, Ward 11; James A. Campbell, Ward 11; Robert W. Parks, Ward 11; Saul H. Bogdanov, Ward 12; Charles S. Kiddy, Ward 12; Hyman Weiner, Ward 12; Daniel F. Wilson, Ward 12; Charles R. Dougherty, Ward 13; George F. English, Ward 13; William E. Payce, Jr., Ward 13; Charles W. Pinkul, Ward 13; Hyman Porter, Ward 13; Samuel Schneider, Ward 13; Robert Abel, Ward 14; George Barron, Ward 14; Morris Cole, Ward 14; Isadore Daniel Comras, Ward 14; Alphonso DiTullio, Ward 14; Arthur T. Evenson, Ward 14; Benjamin A. Gidez, Ward 14; Samuel Handel, Ward 14; Charles A. Hunter, Ward 14; Jacob Kruskall, Ward 14; Louis Mussman, Ward 14; Edward Ritchie, Ward 14; Charles Spiegel, Ward 14; Samuel Tumarkin, Ward 14.

William A. Condry, Ward 15; William J. Connor, Ward 15; Harry Harrington, Ward 15; John J. McDonnell, Ward 15; Richard N. McDonough, Ward 15; Benjamin A. Snow, Ward 15; Thomas J. Driscoll, Ward 16; George J. Forristall, Ward 16; Frank J. Leary, Ward 16; John McCann, Ward 16; Paul G. Phillips, Ward 16; Wilmer C. Ripley, Ward 16; William C. Hayes, Ward 17; John H. Howard, Ward 17; Robert L. Howes, Ward 17; Paul H. Cook, Ward 18; Arthur S. Davis, Ward 18; Louis Dexer, Ward 18; William D. Hayes, Ward 18; Frank E. Hicks, Ward 18; Maurice Leonard, Ward 18; Andrew P. McGowan, Ward 18; James A. McMahon, Ward 18; John Molloy, Ward 18; George H. Webster, Ward 18; John Henry Allen, Ward 19; Joseph R. Connolly, Ward 19; Joseph M. Hanley, Ward 19; Arthur F. Nickerson, Ward 19; William J. Sweeney, Ward 19; Harry S. Baker, Ward 20; Charles F. DeForge, Ward 20; William E. Grant, Ward 20; Thomas J. McGreevey, Ward 20; Fred Moriarty, Ward 20; Alfred A. Oster, Ward 20; Elmer W. Reisinger, Ward 20; Herman P. Richardson, Ward 20; Benjamin W. Stanley, Ward 20; Abraham Abugov, Ward 21; Jacob I. Alter, Ward 21; Leo L. Davidson, Ward 21; Harry Germaine, Ward 21; Walter R. Grant, Ward 21; Robert L. Messenger, Ward 21; Charles H. Roper, Ward 21; James V. Drummey, Ward 22; James R. McKay, Ward 22.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR.

Subject to confirmation by the Council, the Mayor submitted the following appointments:

William H. Crowley, 21 Aldie street, Boston, Mass., as Constable, for term ending April 30, 1948, authorized to serve civil process upon filing of bond.

Sylvia Goldman, 39 Baird street, Dorchester, Mass., as Weigher of Coal, for term ending April 30, 1948.

Severally referred to the Committee on Constables and Confirmations, when appointed.

LIGHT IN FRONT OF ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, WARD 8.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, January 9, 1948.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I transmit herewith communication from the Commissioner of Public Works relative to the installing of a street light in front of St. Patrick's Church, at the intersection of Dudley and Magazine streets, Roxbury, Ward 8.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Public Works Department,
January 8, 1948.

Mr. J. Joseph Connors,
Secretary, Mayor's Office.

Dear Sir,—I return herewith order in City Council that the Public Works Commissioner install a street light in front of St. Patrick's Church at the intersection of Dudley and Magazine streets, Roxbury, Ward 8, and this will advise you that the Boston Edison Company has an order requesting lamp installation at this location.

The Edison Company has been asked to try and expedite same.

Very truly yours,
ROBERT P. CURLEY,
Commissioner of Public Works.

Placed on file.

REAPPOINTMENT OF JOSEPH J. BENKERT.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, January 8, 1948.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—Under the provisions of section 26M of the Housing Authority of the Commonwealth (as inserted in chapter 121 of the General Laws and as amended by section 1 of chapter 484 of the Acts of 1938) I hereby reappoint Joseph J. Benkert of 3 Paula road, Dorchester, to be a member of the Boston Housing Authority for the term expiring January 8, 1953.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Ordered, That the appointment by his Honor, the Mayor, of Joseph J. Benkert to be a member of the Boston Housing Authority for the term expiring January 8, 1953, be, and hereby is, confirmed and approved.

Referred to the Committee on Constables and Confirmations, when appointed.

SALE OF MARINE BOILERS BY FIRE DEPARTMENT.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, January 12, 1948.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—The Fire Department is in possession of two marine boilers which are no longer of any use to that department. The boat for which these boilers were purchased has been sold.

During 1946, your Honorable Body gave authority to the Fire Commissioner to dispose of these two boilers at an upset price of $10,000. At the price set, there have been no bidders. However, according to the attached communication of the Fire Commissioner the Steam and

Power Equipment Company of Woburn are interested in the purchase of these boilers for $3,500.

In view of the fact that these boilers are of no use to the city, and in view of the fact that no other bidders are interested in these boilers, I recommend the passage by your Honorable Body of the accompanying order for the sale of the two boilers to the above-named concern.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Fire Department, January 5, 1948.

Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Sir,—I beg to advise you that I have at hand an offer from the Steam and Power Equipment Company of Woburn, Mass., of $3,500 for two Scotch type marine boilers which were built for installation on the fireboat "John P. Dowd."

These boilers were contracted for by the city prior to your administration at a cost of $18,750. The fireboat for which they were intended was turned over to the Public Works Department on January 10, 1947, and, I believe, disposed of by the Public Works Department so that this boat is no longer in the service of the city.

This department has no further use for the boilers and inasmuch as they were built under marine boiler specifications their use as stationary land boilers would be prohibited under the laws of the Commonwealth.

Your Honor has previously requested the City Council to pass an order for the sale of these boilers at public auction to the highest bidder. The public auction was held December 3, 1946. There were no bidders as the City Council had established an upset price of $10,000 for the two boilers.

It is my recommendation that the offer of the Steam and Power Equipment Company be accepted. The offer is contingent, however, upon the boilers being approved by the United States Steamboat Inspection Service after the application of a hydrostatic test and also by the State of Connecticut where the boilers are to be installed.

The purchaser will pay all expenses involved in making the tests and will also pay for the cost of removal.

Respectfully yours,
RUSSELL S. CODMAN, JR.,
Fire Commissioner.

Ordered, That the Fire Commissioner be authorized to sell to the Steam and Power Equipment Company of Woburn, Mass., two boilers built by the Hodge Boiler Works for the fireboat "John P. Dowd," at a price of thirty-five hundred dollars.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received and referred to the committees named, viz.:

Claims.

Banner Tire Company, for compensation for damage to car by city truck.

Sidney Brenner, for compensation for damage to car caused by an alleged defect in Dorchester avenue.

Alfred L. Centrella, for compensation for damage to car caused by an alleged defect in Sumner Tunnel.

Louis J. Daddicco, for compensation for damage to car caused by being sprayed with paint while driving through Sumner Tunnel.

James J. Devaney, Sr., to be reimbursed for execution issued against him.

William J. Donahue, to be reimbursed as result of accident which occurred while in performance of duty.

Fall River Realty & Construction Company, for compensation for damage to car by city truck.

Dr. Norman Herman, for compensation for damage to car caused by being sprayed with paint while driving through Sumner Tunnel.

Alfred A. Hinds, for compensation for damage to car caused by being sprayed with paint while driving through Sumner Tunnel.

Mrs. Mabel Hungler, to be reimbursed for loss of hearing caused by firing of cannon on Boston Common.

Louis Imperoto, for compensation for damage to property at 3 Emmons street, East Boston, caused during dredging for tunnel.

Margaret Kechejian, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at Carolina avenue and South street.

Bessie F. Libby, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at 47 Province street.

William Long, to be reimbursed as result of accident which occurred while in performance of duty.

Sabina C. McCall, for compensation for damage to car caused by being sprayed with paint while driving through Sumner Tunnel.

Thomas J. O'Malley, Jr., for compensation for damage to car by city truck.

Lodovico Riccio, for compensation for damage to property at 65 North Margin street, caused by shutting off water.

Angela Ruzzario, for compensation for damage to car by city truck.

Walter R. Sweeney, Sr., for compensation for damage to car by city car.

Laurie Weatherbee, for compensation for damage to car caused by being sprayed with paint while driving through Sumner Tunnel.

Robert S. Wolcott, for compensation for damage to car caused by being sprayed with paint while driving through Sumner Tunnel.

Leo Mandell, for compensation for injuries and damage to car caused by car of police department.

COMMUNICATION FROM ROBERT H. BEST.

A communication from Robert H. Best concerning conditions at Charles Street Jail.

Placed on file.

APPROVAL OF CONSTABLE'S BOND.

The constable's bond of Thomas P. Reilly, having been duly approved by the City Treasurer, was received and approved by the Council.

Placed on file.

APPROVAL BY STATE BOARD OF HOUSING.

Notice was received from the State Board of Housing of approval of expenditure by Boston Housing Authority of an extra of $48 for 24 clothes posts at temporary veterans' housing project, Franklin Field, Dorchester.

Notice was received from the State Board of Housing of approval of plans, etc., of veterans' housing project at Captain John's Hill, West Roxbury, consisting of 110 dwelling units at estimated cost of $1,063,926.

Severally placed on file.

APPOINTMENT OF ARTHUR O. ENO.

Notice was received from Chief Justice Qua of the Supreme Judicial Court of appointment of Arthur L. Eno, Justice of the District Court of Lowell, as member of administrative committee of the district courts, to take effect January 3, 1948, and to expire December 31, 1949.

Placed on file.

TRACK LOCATION.

Notice was received from the Board of Street Commissioners of approval of petition of trustees of National Dock Trust for removal of restrictions relative to use of private tracks for transportation of freight by steam railroad on Lewis and Webster streets, East Boston—petition being approved subject to certain restrictions and conditions.

Placed on file.

LOAN IN ANTICIPATION OF TAXES.

President HANNON called up No. 1 on the Calendar, under unfinished business, viz.:

1. Order for temporary loan of $40,000,000 in anticipation of taxes.

On January 5, 1948, the foregoing order was read once and passed, yeas twenty-one, nays none.

The order was given its second reading and passage, yeas 19, nays 0:

Yeas—Councilors Ansel, Beades, Bryan, Cantwell, Carey, Chase, Cook, Hannon, Hurley, Keenan, Lanigan, Linehan, McCormack, Ramsey, Shanley, Sullivan, Tracy, Wenzler, Yerxa—19.
Nays—0.

RETIREMENT OF WILLIAM E. CARNEY.

The following was received:

Municipal Court, Charlestown District,
Clerk's Office.
December 29, 1947.
County Commissioners, Suffolk County,
Boston, Mass.

Dear Sirs,—Mr. William E. Carney, probation officer of this court reaches the age of 70 on January 15, 1948, and under the provisions of chapter 32, section 75, of the General Laws, he must be retired on that date.

It is respectfully asked that you give this matter proper direction.

Respectfully,
JAMES J. MULLEN, Clerk.

Coun. BRYAN offered the following:

Whereas, It appears from the certificate of the Clerk of the Municipal Court of the Charlestown District, William E. Carney was appointed probation officer of said court on February 1, 1918, and that he will reach the age of seventy on January 15, 1948;

Whereas, Said William E. Carney has given his whole time and has faithfully performed the duties of his office for thirty years, therefore be it

Ordered, That under chapter 32, sections 75 and 76 of the General Laws, as amended, the retirement and placing upon the pension roll of William E. Carney, probation officer of the Municipal Court of the Charlestown District, at an annual pension of $1,700, being one-half of his present salary of $3,400, to take effect January 15, 1948, be, and hereby is approved.

Severally referred to the Executive Committee.

EXEMPTION OF VETERANS FROM PAYMENT OF AUCTIONEER'S LICENSE FEE.

Coun. McCORMACK offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor consider the advisability of exempting veterans of World War I and World War II from paying the fee for an auctioneer's license.

The order was passed.

PEDESTRIAN SIGNALS, FRANKLIN AND LINCOLN STREETS, WARD 22.

Coun. SHANLEY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Traffic Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to install pedestrian traffic signals at the corner of Franklin and Lincoln streets, Ward 22.

The order was passed.

ELECTRIC LIGHT ON GLENCOE STREET, WARD 22.

Coun. SHANLEY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to install an electric street light on Glencoe street, Ward 22.

The order was passed.

TRANSFER OF LAND ON FROST AVENUE, WARD 16.

Coun. BEADES offered the following:

Ordered, That the Board of Real Estate Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to transfer to the custody of the Board of Street Commissioners the land located on Frost avenue, in Ward 16, known as Lot No. 4, consisting of 305 square feet of land, which was taken under tax title proceedings, for acceptance as a public way.

The order was passed.

CONSTRUCTION OF HEALTH UNIT IN WARD 16.

Coun. BEADES offered the following:

Ordered, That the trustees of the George Robert White Fund be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to provide for the construction of a health unit at a central location in Ward 16.

The order was passed.

ERECTION OF BRANCH LIBRARY IN WARD 16.

Coun. BEADES offered the following:

Ordered, That the trustees of the Boston Public Library be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to include in their budget for 1948 a sum sufficient to provide for the erection of a branch library in Ward 16.

The order was passed.

RENT INCREASES IN APARTMENT BUILDINGS.

Coun. ANSEL offered the following:

Ordered, That the chairman of the Board of Assessors be instructed by his Honor the Mayor to assign an employee of the department to keep a list of all rent increases in apartment buildings to ascertain if the assessments on such buildings should be increased commensurate with rentals charged.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

GRATUITIES FOR RENTAL OF DWELLINGS.

Coun. ANSEL offered the following:

Ordered, That the Police Commissioner of the City of Boston be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to assign a deputy superintendent to handle complaints by citizens who are being urged to pay a gratuity for the rental of empty dwellings; and be it further

Ordered, That the Police Commissioner of the City of Boston be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to make known to the public the name or names of those persons who have taken advantage of the veteran and his family as well as other citizens by insisting on a bonus for an apartment, and that such person or persons be prosecuted for such unfair and un-American activities.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

CLEANING STREETS OF SNOW AND ICE.

Coun. COOK offered the following:

Ordered, That the Public Works Commissioner be ordered by his Honor the Mayor to take immediate steps to clean up the ice and snow on all streets in the City of Boston.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

REMOVAL OF SNOW AT INTERSECTIONS OF SIDE STREETS.

Coun. CAREY offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to confer with officials of the Metropolitan Transit Authority in the hope that some arrangement can be made whereby the Transit Authority will remove from the approach to side and intersecting streets along its various routes the accumulation of snow which the latter's plows deposit at these intersections.

The order was passed.

ENDORSEMENT OF HOUSING BILLS RECOMMENDED BY SPECIAL COMMISSION.

Coun. LINEHAN offered the following:

Whereas, There is an acute shortage of housing in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts at rents the average veteran can afford to pay; and

Whereas, There is no indication that private enterprise can afford to build homes for veterans at rents within their financial ability to pay; and

Whereas, There are now pending before the General Court several housing bills recommended by the Special Commission of the Legislature which will help to remedy the acute shortage of housing; therefore be it

Resolved, 1. That the Boston City Council in meeting assembled does hereby endorse the bills recommended by the Special Commission providing for a state guaranty of bonds of local housing authorities and annual state subsidies and for amending chapter 372 of the Laws of 1946, as amended in 1947, and urges their approval by the Committees on Mercantile Affairs, Municipal Finance and Ways and Means of the General Court and their speedy enactment by the General Court.

2. That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to each of the following: Governor Bradford, the Massachusetts Legislative Committees on Mercantile Affairs, Municipal Finance and Ways and Means, and the State Board of Housing.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

COMPENSATION OF ELECTION SUPERVISORS.

President HANNON offered the following:

Ordered, That under the provisions of section 23, chapter 54, of the General Laws, the compensation for supervisors appointed to act in the recent city election in the various wards of the city be fixed at the rate of $9 per day.

The order was passed.

SANITARY HEADQUARTERS, SOUTH BOSTON.

Coun. WENZLER offered the following:

Ordered, That the Public Works Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to make provisions for a Sanitary headquarters at or near I and East Second streets, South Boston, for the purpose of having a waiting station for men employed in the Sanitary Division in South Boston.

The order was passed.

RECESS.

On motion of Councilor Sullivan the Council voted to take a recess at 3.15 p. m. The members reassembled in the Council Chamber and were called to order by President Hannon at 4.56 p. m.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Coun. McCORMACK, for the Executive Committee, submitted the following:

1. Report on order (referred today) that Public Works Commissioner be ordered by the Mayor to take immediate steps to clean up ice and snow on all streets in city—that same ought to pass.

The report was accepted, and the order was passed.

2. Report on resolve (referred today) that Council endorse bills recommended by Special Commission providing for state guaranty of bonds of local housing authorities and annual state subsidies and for amending chapter 372 of Laws of 1946, as amended in 1947—that same ought to pass.

The report was accepted, and the resolution was adopted.

3. Report on message of Mayor and order (referred today) that Fire Commissioner be authorized to sell to Steam and Power Equipment Company of Woburn two boilers built by Hodge Boiler Works for fireboat "John P. Dowd" at price of $3,500—recommending passage of the order.

The report was accepted, and the order was passed.

4. Report on communication from Clerk of Charlestown District Court and order *re* retirement of William E. Carney, Probation Officer—recommending passage of the order.

The report was accepted, and the order was passed.

On motion of Councilor Cook the Council voted to adjourn at 4.58 p. m., to meet on Monday, January 19, 1948, at 2 p. m.

Note: All debate of City Council eliminated from proceedings in accordance with Chapter 447, Acts of 1947.

(Stenographic copy of such debate on file in office of City Clerk.)

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of City Council.

Monday, January 19, 1948.

Regular meeting of the City Council held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 2 p. m., President HANNON in the chair. Absent, Councilors Carey, Coffey and Kinsella.

The meeting was opened with the salute to the Flag.

JURORS DRAWN.

Jurors were drawn, Councilor Ramsey presiding at the box, in the absence of the Mayor, viz.:

One hundred twelve traverse jurors, Superior Criminal Court, to appear February 16, 1948:

James J. Berry, Ward 1; Antonio Biancucci, Ward 1; William J. Bullock, Ward 1; Edward J. Burditt, Ward 1; Gerald F. Burns, Ward 1; James Collins, Ward 1; Paul Contini, Ward 1; George Dermody, Ward 1; William E. Prendergast, Ward 1; Michael Sabia, Ward 1; Louis Staffier, Ward 1; Joseph W. Thibodeau, Ward 1; Jeremiah E. Ahern, Ward 2; Joseph H. Kolb, Ward 2; Albert W. Smith, Ward 2; William Tobin, Ward 2; John Fusco, Ward 3; Salim J. Nahas, Ward 3; Joseph Selafani, Ward 3; Leon H. Brassard, Ward 4; William C. Grace, Ward 4; Thomas Kelly, Ward 4; Stanley J. Landry, Ward 4; William C. Rich, Ward 4; Wiliam S. Abbott, Ward 5; Irving C. Barlow, Ward 5; Willard H. Forsyth, Ward 5; John H. E. Gallagher, Ward 5; Joseph Woll, Ward 5; Joseph J. Lescinskas, Ward 6; William J. Middleton, Ward 6; Patrick Finn, Ward 7; Peter Flaherty, Ward 7; William L. Gulley, Ward 7; Joseph H. Jackson, Ward 7; Walter I. Ludden, Ward 7; John Petchell, Ward 7; Harold J. Sullivan, Ward 7; Edward A. Totten, Ward 7; Francis Day, Ward 8; George D. Moore, Ward 8; Francis D. Powell, Ward 8; John F. Williams, Ward 8; Charles Allen, Ward 9; George Henson, Ward 9; William Langwith, Ward 9; Charles A. Schoen, Ward 9; Joseph W. Barry, Ward 10; Michael Coyle, Ward 10; Daniel J. Galvin, Ward 10; Thomas C. Healey, Ward 10; Cornelius D. Kelleher, Ward 10; James G. McLeod, Ward 10; John J. Wilkinson, Ward 10.

Louis J. Curwin, Ward 11; Isadore S. Naiman, Ward 11; Harold I. Sawyer, Ward 11; Michael Bermingham, Ward 12; Gordon A. Boire, Ward 12; Tillman J. Glass, Ward 12; John A. Graham, Ward 12; Philip Mazar, Ward 12; Henry Bertram Scott, Ward 12; Bernard Goldstein, Ward 14; Jack J. Gurwitch, Ward 14; Solomon Herman, Ward 14; Robert Krakofsky, Ward 14; Harold H. Krinsky, Ward 14; Samuel B. Siegel, Ward 14; Arthur Simon, Ward 14; George Smith, Ward 14; Arthur C. Strout, Ward 14; Hyman Wyman, Ward 14; William Young, Ward 14; Cornelius Leary, Ward 15; Arthur S. Purchas, Ward 15; Walter R. Walsh, Ward 15; William G. Brooks, Ward 16; John T. Harrington, Jr., Ward 16; Joseph Herlihy, Ward 16; Earl W. Holdstock, Ward 16; James J. MacGowan, Ward 16; Chester A. Ochs, Ward 16; William R. Welch, Ward 16; Ernest M. Whittier, Ward 16; William J. Davis, Ward 17; Ellis A. Jardine, Ward 17; Paul F. Palmer, Ward 17; William D. Fiske, Ward 18; Ray A. Harmon, Ward 18; Warren R. Surpluss, Ward 18; Michael Caponetti, Ward 19; Reginald W. Clark, Ward 19; Joseph W. Daws, Ward 19; Leo T. Foley, Ward 19; Samuel L. Ginsburg, Ward 19; Warren R. Keefe, Ward 19; John A. Reynolds, Ward 19; Claud R. Atkinson, Ward 20; William J. Connolly, Ward 20; Paul K. Handy, Ward 20; Arthur D. Lezette, Ward 20; Edward G. Brosset, Ward 21; Fred W. Buzzell, Ward 21; Russell M. Douglas, Ward 21; Charles D. Hufton, Ward 21; Paul M. Madden, Ward 21; William M. Tammick, Ward 21; Matthew Buckley, Ward 22; John S. Conway, Ward 22; Walter G. Huntoon, Ward 22; Joseph Mancini, Ward 22.

SOUTH BAY FILLING.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, January 19, 1948.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—More than seventy years ago it was reported by a committee of the Legislature that the South Bay in the City of Boston should be filled in for the improvement of sanitary conditions and the industrial development of the city. Since that time this proposition has been considered and reported upon by at least fifteen or twenty commissions, committees and other public bodies, all in favor of the filling.

In 1931 a special commission submitted a report recommending the filling of the Roxbury Canal, South Bay, and a portion of Fort Point Channel northwest of Dorchester avenue, but no action was taken at that time.

This year a bill has been filed in the Legislature, based on the recommendations of the 1931 commission, and it appears that after more than half a century of lethargy there is a possibility of some action.

The proposed filling assumes a considerable expense for the construction of a system of conduits to dispose of storm water drainage, street construction, etc., the cost to be met by the city by loan outside the debt limit.

Under Joint Rule 7B of the Legislature a bill authorizing borrowing of money by a city outside the debt limit requires the approval in advance by the Mayor and City Council.

While I have no intention of committing the City Council, or myself, to the details of the bill as filed, I am heartily in favor of some action along the lines proposed, and I recommend the passage by your Honorable Body of the accompanying resolution which is necessary to release the bill to the appropriate committee of the Legislature.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Resolved, That the City Council of Boston hereby approves the enactment of legislation to authorize the City of Boston to borrow money, outside the debt limit, to meet any expense imposed on said city by the filling in of the South Bay, Roxbury Canal, and a portion of Fort Point Channel.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received and referred to the committee named, viz.:

Claims.

Marie O. Adams, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at 41 Belvidere street.

Fred J. Bethoney, for compensation for damage to car caused by being sprayed with paint while driving through Sumner Tunnel.

Dorothea C. Casey, for compensation for damage to car by city wrecker.

Walter C. Clark, for compensation for damage to car caused by being sprayed with paint while driving through Sumner Tunnel.

Neil P. Coyle, to be reimbursed for accident which occurred while in performance of duty as employee of Sanitary Division.

Joseph P. Coyne, to be paid vacation money due him while employed in Bridge Division of Public Works Department.

Patrick J. Creighton, for compensation for damage to property at 1424 Columbus avenue, caused by water leak.

Joseph F. DeAngelis, for compensation for damage to property at 1140 Commonwealth avenue, caused by water in cellar.

Dolores DeStefano, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in steps leading from Gladstone to Breed streets.

Ella E. Driscoll, for compensation for damage to property at 372 Gallivan Boulevard, caused by overflow of water.

Patrick E. Fleming, to be paid vacation money due him while employed in Bridge Service of Public Works Department.

Edward P. Garvey, to be reimbursed as result of accident which occurred while in performance of duty as employee of Sewer Division.

Joshua M. Gerber, for compensation for damage to car caused by being sprayed with paint while driving through Sumner Tunnel.

Joseph A. Gill, for compensation for damage to car caused by an alleged defect in Winship street, Brighton.

Evelyn Reid Grabski, for compensation for damage to car caused by an alleged defect at Leicester and Bennett streets, Brighton.

Susan A. Hayden, for compensation for damage to car by fire truck.

Vincent J. Iannelli, to be reimbursed for accident which occurred while in performance of duty as employee of Fire Department.

King Fisheries, for compensation for damage to car by fire apparatus.

La Notizia Publishing Company, for compensation for damage to property at 30–34 Battery street, caused by broken water main.

G. N. Longarini, for compensation for damage to property at 30–34 Battery street, caused by broken water main.

William Marines, for compensation for accident cause by city truck.

Mary McDermott, to be reimbursed for needle left in spine during operation at City Hospital.

Mrs. T. M. McDonald, for compensation for damage to elevator at 20 Gloucester street, caused by city employees.

Ralph R. Nelson, for compensation for injuries caused by fire truck.

George Robertson, for compensation for damage to glasses caused by an alleged defect in Village street.

Irving Romanow, for compensation for damage to car caused by being sprayed with paint while driving through Sumner Tunnel.

Eva Sissenwine, for compensation for damage to car caused by being sprayed with paint while driving through Sumner Tunnel.

Mary A. Staffier, for compensation for damage to car caused by being sprayed with paint while driving through Sumner Tunnel.

William A. Sullivan, for compensation for damage to car caused by an alleged defect at Centre and Mt. Vernon streets.

William H. White, for compensation for damage to car caused by being sprayed with paint while driving through Sumner Tunnel.

Israel Winrober, for compensation for damages caused by an alleged defect at 111 Harvard street, Dorchester.

Cambridge Taxi Company, for compensation for damage to taxi caused by city truck.

PERMITS FOR CHILDREN.

Petitions for children under 15 years of age to appear at places of public amusement were received as follows:

Tributary Theatre, New England Mutual Hall, January 17 and 18.

Permits granted under usual conditions.

INTEREST IN CONTRACT.

Notice was received from W. H. Ellis, member of Board of Appeal, of interest in contract to W. H. Ellis & Son with Bridge and Ferry Division of Department of Public Works, "Repairing Fender Piers at Chelsea North Bridge."

Placed on file.

STATE BOARD OF HOUSING APPROVAL.

Notice was received from the State Board of Housing of approval of veterans' housing project on River street, Mattapan, contract No. 11, consisting of 50 dwelling units at an estimated cost of $573,213.

Notice was received from the State Board of Housing of approval of expenditure of extra $260 to provide temporary road crossing surfacing at Alsen Village temporary housing project.

Severally placed on file.

TRANSIENT VENDOR'S LICENSE.

Petition from Florence McCollum for transient vendor's license for sale of health foods at New England Mutual Hall was received.

License issued and fee paid.

REAPPOINTMENT OF JOSEPH J. BENKERT.

On motion of Councilor Bryan the Council took up appointment of Joseph J. Benkert (referred January 12) to be member of Boston Housing Authority for term expiring January 8, 1953.

The Clerk called the roll and the appointment was confirmed, yeas 16, nays 0:

Yeas—Councilors Ansel, Beades, Bryan, Cantwell, Cook, Hannon, Keenan, Lane, Lanigan, Linehan, McCormack, Ramsey, Shanley, Tracy, Wenzler, Yerxa—16.

Nays—0.

COPY OF REVISED ORDINANCES FOR NEW COUNCILORS.

President HANNON offered the following:

Ordered, That the City Messenger be authorized to distribute to the eight newly-elected City Councilors one copy of the Revised Ordinances of 1947.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

ALTERATIONS IN SUBWAYS AND TUNNELS.

President HANNON offered the following:

Resolved, That the City Council of the City of Boston favors the enactment of legislation relative to the making by the Transit Department of the City of Boston of alterations in certain rapid transit subways and tunnels.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

REMOVAL OF SNOW AND ICE FROM SIDEWALKS.

Coun. KEENAN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Police Commissioner be requested to direct the captain of each police division in the City of Boston to immediately enforce chapter 40, section 42, of the Revised Ordinances of 1947, which covers the removal of snow and ice from sidewalks.

On motion of Councilor Keenan the order was referred to the Executive Committee, with the request that someone from the Law Department appear before the committee.

INVESTIGATION OF BUS SERVICE.

Coun. KEENAN, BEADES and RAMSEY offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor request the Public Utilities Commission to conduct a survey and investigation of the bus service provided by the Metropolitan Transit Authority in Dorchester, and especially in Ward 17, where said service, at the present time and for several weeks past, has been wholly inadequate, and has grown progressively worse, despite claims of the Authority officials to the contrary; and be it further

Ordered, That the reduction in the number of trips on various bus lines be carefully inquired into, particularly on the Morton Street–Ashmont line, which has apparently felt the full brunt of a shortened schedule to the very great inconvenience of the people on said line, and to the detriment of the Metropolitan Transit Authority, whose present policies will lead to severe deficits if such policies are continued.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

REQUESTED REMOVAL OF PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSIONER.

Coun. BEADES, ANSEL and COOK offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to immediately remove the Commissioner of Public Works from office because of his inability to properly discharge his duties during the recent snowstorms; and be it further

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested to appear before the Executive Committee this afternoon.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

MUNICIPAL BUILDING, WARD 14.

Coun. ANSEL offered the following:
Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor request the City Law Department to file legislation in the General Court of the Commonwealth which will permit the city to borrow money for the purpose of erecting a municipal building in Ward 14, on the grounds of the present locker building at Franklin Field, said building to contain a gymnasium, assembly hall, and other recreational facilities.
Passed under suspension of the rules.

REPLACING OF STREET GAS LAMPS.

Coun. ANSEL offered the following:
Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be directed, through his Honor the Mayor, to make a survey for the purpose of replacing all street gas lamps with electric lights, to obtain an estimate of the probable cost of same, and to report his findings to his Honor the Mayor who, in turn, will forward same to the City Council.
Passed under suspension of the rules.

JAMAICA STREET, WARD 11, ONE WAY.

Coun. TRACY offered the following:
Ordered, That the Traffic Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to make Jamaica street, Ward 11, a one-way street, starting near Woodman street and continuing around the circle.
Passed under suspension of the rules.

CASTLE ISLAND IMPROVEMENTS.

Coun. WENZLER offered the following:
Ordered, That the Board of Park Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to put Castle Island in first-class condition by repairing the broken benches and installing additional benches, repairing the walks and installing water fountains for the convenience and comfort of those residents of the City of Boston who frequent this area, and that said repairs be completed by spring.
Passed under suspension of the rules.

FISHING PIER IMPROVEMENTS, CASTLE ISLAND.

Coun. WENZLER offered the following:
Ordered, That the Board of Park Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to repair and put in first-class condition the fishing pier located at Castle Island, South Boston.
Passed under suspension of the rules.

MODERN LIGHTING, EAST BROADWAY, SOUTH BOSTON.

Coun. WENZLER offered the following:
Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to replace the obsolete gas lamps with modern arc lights on East Broadway, from L street to Farragut road, South Boston.
Passed under suspension of the rules.

"STOP" SIGNS, WARDS 18 AND 20.

Coun. BRYAN and CANTWELL offered the following:
Ordered, That the Traffic Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to install "Stop" signs at the intersection of Washington, Beech and Walworth streets, in Wards 18 and 20.
Passed under suspension of the rules.

ACCEPTANCE OF LODGEHILL ROAD, WARD 18.

Coun. CANTWELL offered the following:
Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out Lodeghill road, Ward 18, as a public highway.
Passed under suspension of the rules.

RENTS FOR VETERANS IN HOUSING UNITS.

Coun. LINEHAN offered the following:
Whereas, Under chapter 372 of the Acts of 1946, as amended by chapter 479 of the Acts of 1947, the rents to be charged for veteran tenants of homes built under the State, the Boston Housing Authority and the State Board of Housing Veteran Housing Act shall among other things consider the ability of veterans to pay when arriving at a schedule of rents to be charged; therefore be it
Ordered, That the eligible incomes of veterans who seek apartments in Boston's veteran housing units will start at $2,000 per year, instead of the present figures; and that the rents to be charged in the City of Boston's veterans' housing units shall range from $40 to $50 per month,
Passed under suspension of the rules.

ELECTRIC LIGHTS, BRECK AVENUE, WARD 22.

Coun. SHANLEY offered the following:
Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to install electric lights on Breck avenue, Ward 22.
Passed under suspension of the rules.

APPEARANCE OF JOHN CARROLL BEFORE COUNCIL.

Coun. WENZLER asked that the President request the appearance of John Carroll, Chairman of the Boston Housing Authority, before the Council and the President instructed the City Clerk to notify the City Messenger to request the appearance of Mr. Carroll.

RECESS.

On motion of Councilor Cook the Council voted to take a recess at 2.45 p. m., subject to the call of the Chair. The members reassembled in the Council Chamber and were called to order at 6.10 p. m. by President HANNON.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES.

President HANNON announced the following appointments to committees:

Executive.

All the members, Councilor McCormack, chairman; Councilor Carey, vice-chairman.

Appropriations.

Councilors Bryan, Shanley, Coffey, Lane, Tracy, Lanigan, Ansel.

Claims.

Councilors Lanigan, Linehan, Carey, Yerxa, Kinsella.

County Accounts.

Councilors Shanley, Cantwell, Bryan, Cook, Ramsey.

Finance.

Councilors, Carey, Ansel, Yerxa, Sullivan, McCormack, Lanigan, Linehan.

Inspection of Prisons.

Councilors Ramsey, Yerxa, Cantwell, Lane, Chase.

Legislative Matters.

Councilors Kinsella, Lanigan, Cook, Wenzler, Beades.

Licenses.

Councilors Coffey, Lane, Beades, Shanley, Hurley, Kinsella, Keenan,

Military Affairs.

Councilors Cook, Tracy, Beades, Linehan, Shanley.

Ordinances.

Councilors Hurley, Keenan, Cook, Coffey, Shanley, Chase, Lanigan.

Parkman Fund.

Councilors Lane, Chase, Linehan, Carey, Cantwell.

Printing.

Councilors Chase, Wenzler, Shanley, McCormack, Bryan.

Public Lands.

Councilors Tracy, Ramsey, Hurley, Lane, McCormack.

Rules.

Councilors Keenan, Sullivan, McCormack, Lane, Yerxa.

Confirmations.

Councilors Ansel, Bryan, Cook.

Parks and Playgrounds.

Councilors Yerxa, Beades, Bryan, Ramsey, Coffey.

Public Housing.

Councilors Linehan, Kinsella, Wenzler, Carey, Sullivan.

Public Safety.

Councilors Beades, Coffey, Keenan, Cantwell, Tracy.

Public Welfare.

Councilors Wenzler, Keenan, Tracy, Chase, Ansel.

Public Works.

Councilors Cantwell, Hurley, Kinsella, Sullivan, Carey.

Hospitals.

Councilors Sullivan, Keenan, Hurley, Ansel, Ramsey, Beades, Wenzler.

Placed on file.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Coun. McCORMACK, for the Executive Committee, submitted the following:

Report on message of Mayor and order (referred today) for legislation relative to filling South Bay—that same ought to pass

The report was accepted, and the order was passed.

TRAFFIC SIGN, WARD 3.

Coun. LANIGAN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Traffic Commissioner be directed by his Honor the Mayor to place "No U-Turn" signs at the junction of Cambridge and Sudbury streets, Ward 3.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

REMOVAL OF SNOW FROM SIDEWALKS OF CITY PROPERTY.

Coun. KEENAN offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to instruct all department heads to arrange for the immediate removal of snow from the sidewalks in front of city property which is under their custody.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

REQUESTED REMOVAL OF PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSIONER.

Coun. COOK moved that the order relative to the dismissal of the Public Works Commissioner be taken from the Executive Committee, and the motion was carried.

Coun. BEADES moved that the order be referred to the Committee on Public Works, but the motion was lost.

The question came on the passage of the order. Councilor Sullivan moved that the order be referred back to the Executive Committee, but the motion was lost.

The question then came on the passage of the order, and the order was rejected.

COMPLAINTS ON SNOW REMOVAL.

Coun. CHASE offered the following:

Ordered, That the Public Works Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to install a system in the Public Works Department whereby complaints on snow removal will be efficiently and courteously handled on a 24-hour basis during emergency periods; and be it further

Ordered, That the Public Works Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to arrange with the telephone company for a listing in the information list for Snow Removal, City of Boston, Public Works Department.

Referred to the Public Works Committee.

LEASE OF LAWRENCE SCHOOL, SOUTH BOSTON.

Coun. WENZLER offered the following:

Ordered, That the School Committee be authorized to lease to the Dorchester Detachment, Marine Corps League, the Lawrence School, B and Third streets, South Boston, under the terms and conditions as set forth by said committee.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

MEETING OF COMMITTEE ON RULES.

President HANNON announced there would be a meeting of the Committee on Rules on Wednesday afternoon at one o'clock.

On motion of Councilor Ramsey, the Council voted to adjourn at 7.03 p. m., to meet on Monday, January 26, 1948, at 2 p. m.

Note: All debate of City Council eliminated from proceedings in accordance with chapter 447, Acts of 1947.

(Stenographic copy of such debate on file in office of City Clerk.)

CITY OF BOSTON PRINTING DEPARTMENT

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of City Council.

Monday, January 26, 1948.

Regular meeting of the City Council, held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 2 p. m., President HANNON in the chair. Absent, Councilors Coffey and Hurley.

The meeting was opened with the salute to the Flag.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR.

Subject to confirmation by the Council, the Mayor submitted the following appointments:

Weighers of Coal, for term ending April 30, 1948: Frank Barrett, 261 Temple street, West Roxbury, Mass.; David A. Nagle, 34 Emerson street, South Boston, Mass.

Referred to the Committee on Confirmations.

APPROPRIATION FOR SNOW REMOVAL.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, January 26, 1948.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—Section 3 (A) of the Amended City Charter provides that until a regular or special appropriation has been made for snow removal expenditures may be made for that purpose to an amount not exceeding the average of the annual expenditures for snow removal in the five preceding fiscal years. For 1948 this average amounts to $624,927.95.

The unusual amount and the large number of snow storms this winter has required expenditures which practically equal the above authorization.

The Commissioner of Public Works estimates that an appropriation of at least $1,250,000 will be necessary to meet the cost of snow removal for the balance of the winter.

I am forwarding herewith an order appropriating this sum, and request consideration and adoption by your Honorable Body.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Ordered, That the sum of one million two hundred fifty thousand dollars ($1,250,000) be, and hereby is, appropriated, to be expended as hereinafter specified, said sum to be raised by taxes on the polls and estates in the City of Boston, and that all orders hereafter passed by the City Council relating to appropriations, taxes and the interest thereon apply to the appropriations and taxes herein provided for.

Snow Removal.....$1,250,000

Referred to the Executive Committee.

VOTING MACHINE REPAIRS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, January 26, 1948.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen,— The Chairman of the Board of Election Commissioners advises me that the Election Commissioners have deposited with the City Collector a check for $1,021.19 to be placed in a special account entitled "Election Department Suspense Account."

This money represents insurance reimbursement for damage done by fire to two voting machines on April 11, 1947. During the year 1947 there was paid from the Election Department budget the expenses that were incurred in crating and shipping these two voting machines to Ohio, which amounted to $159. There was a further expense of $30 for the trucking of these machines after they had been overhauled in Ohio and were returned to Boston, or a total of $189, paid in 1947.

However, the voting machine company has not yet been paid for the expenses incurred in the overhauling of the machines, which amount to $807.87, plus a freight charge incurred by said company for the shipping of said machines from Canton to Boston, a charge of $24.32. This makes an outstanding payment of $832.19, which must be paid to the Shoup Voting Machine Corporation.

There is forwarded herewith an order appropriating the sum of $832.19 from the Election Department Suspense Account so that the Election Commissioners may proceed with the payment of this outstanding bill. Consideration and adoption of the order by your Honorable Body is recommended.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Ordered, That the sum of eight hundred thirty-two dollars and nineteen cents ($832.19) be, and the same hereby is, appropriated from the Special Account entitled "Election Department Suspense Account," to be expended under the direction of the Chairman of the Board of Election Commissioners, for the purpose of meeting expenses incurred in the overhauling of voting machines damaged by fire.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received and referred to the committees named, viz.:

Claims.

Leonard Cataldo, for compensation for damage to car caused by being sprayed with paint while driving through Sumner Tunnel.

James J. Devaney, to be reimbursed as result of accident which occurred while in performance of duty as employee of Fire Department.

William F. Donahue, D. M. D., for compensation for damage to car by police car.

Garden Spa, Inc., for refund on victualler's license.

Donald H. Harris, for compensation for damage to car caused by an alleged defect in Blue Hill avenue.

John L. Kendall, for compensation for damage to car caused by an alleged defect at Washington street and Presentation road, Brighton.

Thomas J. Kenney, for compensation for damage to car caused by an alleged defect in American Legion Highway.

Mary Levowich, for compensation for damage to car by city truck.

Mac Trading Company, Inc., for compensation for damage to car caused by Police Department vehicle.

Clarence J. Mans, for compensation for damage to car by falling tree.

Ellen J. Marr, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at Newbury and Dartmouth streets.

Alexander McLaughlin, to be reimbursed for execution issued against him.

John J. McLaughlin, to be reimbursed for 13 days' work while in employ of Bridge Service.

New Hampshire Fire Insurance Company, for compensation for damage to car of James Epstein, caused by being sprayed with paint while driving through Sumner Tunnel.

Elizabeth F. Sarjeant, for compensation for damage to car caused by an alleged defect at 633 Warren street.

State Street Tavern, Inc., for compensation for damage to property at 240 State street, caused by break of water main.

Clifford E. Sullivan, to be reimbursed for execution issued against him.

Wentworth Lunch Company, for compensation for damage to property at 172 Summer street, caused by manhole cover explosion.

Florence R. Williams, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in Washington street, Dorchester.

Committee on Licenses.

Petition for license for Sunday bowling: Boylston Bowladrome, Inc., Morris Vigoda, 1260 Boylston street, Ward 5.

Executive.

Theresa McLaughlin, to be paid annuity on account of death of her husband, Bernard P. McLaughlin, late member of Fire Department.

PERMITS FOR CHILDREN.

Petitions for children under 15 years of age to appear at places of public amusements were received, as follows:

Ruth M. McShane, Municipal Building Hall, South Boston, February 25.

Permits granted under usual conditions.

PETITION FOR CEMETERY SITE, GETHSEMANE CEMETERY, WEST ROXBURY.

The petition of the Association of the Evangelical Lutheran Church for Works of Mercy, operating agency for Gethsemane Cemetery, 670 Baker street, West Roxbury, that portion of their land be permitted for burial purposes in substitution for portion of land of similar size already licensed for burial purposes but unfit for burials because of swampy conditions, was received, accompanied by communication from the Health Department stating that after hearing on the matter it is opinion of Health Commissioner that the issuance of a permit for burial purposes in that portion of land would not be injurious to public health.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

APPROVAL OF BONDS.

The surety bonds of Leo J. Sullivan, Register of Deeds, Joseph D. Coughlin, First Assistant Register of Deeds, and John J. Mahoney, Second Assistant Register of Deeds (American Employers' Insurance Company), were received and approved.

LEASING OF CUDWORTH SCHOOL TO POST.

Notice was received from the School Committee of order passed requesting Council to authorize lease of Cudworth School, East Boston, to Major P. J. Grady Camp, No. 3, United Spanish War Veterans.

Placed on file.

HEARING ON BOSTON EDISON LOCATION.

Notice was received from the Boston Edison Company of hearing to be held before the Department of Public Utilities on location for poles and wires in Mt. Vernon street, Dorchester.

Placed on file.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RULES.

Coun. KEENAN, for the Committee on Rules, submitted the following:

January 26, 1948.

The Committee on Rules, having considered proposed rules for the years 1948–49, submits a report with the following recommendations:

That the rules for the years 1946–47 be amended in Rules 2, 4, 14, 19, 21 and 26, and, as amended, said rules be adopted as the rules of the City Council for the years 1948–49. Said amendments are set forth in the attached sheets.

For the Committee.

WILLIAM J. KEENAN, Chairman.

Recommendations of Rules Committee Relative to Changes in Rules of City Council.

Rule 2. Clear up conflict in wording of rule so that rule will read as follows:

Rule 2. A quorum of the city council shall consist of twelve members. If, at the time any meeting is called to order, or if, during a meeting, on a vote on the adoption of a motion or order, a roll call shows less than a quorum present, the president may declare a recess of not more than ten minutes, after which time, if a quorum is not present, the meeting shall be adjourned. If, on the question of lack of a quorum a roll call shows less than a quorum present, the president shall declare the meeting adjourned.

Rule 4. Insert in rule authority for president to declare a recess for purpose of going into Executive Session by adding to rule the following paragraph:

The president may declare a recess, in accordance with the order of business, for the purpose of having a meeting of the Executive Committee of the City Council.

Rule 14. Add to rule, the following provision:

. . . If, after sixty days, a matter referred to a committee is not reported upon, any member may recall such matter from the committee, and such matter shall not again be committed to the same or any other committee.

Rule 19. Rule to be changed, to be in substantial accordance with rule of Massachusetts House of Representatives, so that rule will read as follows:

Rule 19. When a vote has been taken any member may move a reconsideration thereof at the same meeting.

Debate on motions to reconsider shall be limited to twenty minutes, and no member shall occupy more than four minutes, but on a vote upon any subsidiary or incidental question, debate shall be limited to ten minutes, and no member shall occupy more than two minutes.

Rule 21. Add words to first sentence, so that first sentence of rule will read as follows:

Every member when about to speak shall rise, address the chair, and wait until he is recognized, and, in speaking, shall refrain from mentioning any other member by name, shall confine himself to the question, shall not use unbecoming, abusive or unparliamentary language, and shall avoid personalities. . . .

Rule 26. Include in order of business, authority of president to recess body for executive session, so that order of business will be as follows:

1. Communications from His Honor the Mayor.
2. Presentation of petitions, memorials, or remonstrances.
3. Reports of city officers, etc.
4. Unfinished business of preceding meetings.
5. Recess, if declared, for meeting of executive committee.
6. Reports of committees.
7. Motions, orders and resolutions.

The report was accepted. The amendments as recommended by the committee were adopted.

On motion of Councilor Linehan Rule 14 was further amended in the fourth paragraph to read as follows: "If, within thirty days, a matter referred to a committee is not reported upon, it may be recalled by a majority vote of all the members present and voting."

On motion of Councilor Cook it was voted to further amend Rule 14 by adding thereto after the last sentence in said rule the following sentence: "Except that said matter may be referred or recommitted to the Executive Committee."

Councilor Linehan's motion to further amend the third paragraph in Rule 14 by substituting the following words: "If, after thirty days, a matter referred to a committee is not reported upon, it may be recalled by a written request filed by three members of the City Council" was referred to the Committee on Rules.

Councilor Wenzler's motion to further amend Rule 14 in the final paragraph by adding the following words: "Every matter not returned by the committee within thirty days shall be returned to the Executive Committee" was referred to the Committee on Rules.

The rules as amended were adopted.

WEEKLY LIST OF ALL MATTERS IN COMMITTEES.

Coun. LINEHAN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Clerk of Committees shall cause to be published on the morning of every City Council meeting a list of all matters in committees, with date of referral, and also furnish a copy of said list to each member of the City Council.

Councilor Carey moved that the words "on the morning of every City Council meeting" be stricken out and the words "72 hours before a meeting" be substituted.

Councilor Sullivan's motion to refer the order and amendment to the Committee on Rules was lost.

Councilor Carey's amendment was carried.

The order as amended was passed.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONSTABLES AND CONFIRMATIONS.

Coun. ANSEL, for the Committee on Constables and Confirmations, submitted the following:

Report on appointment (referred January 12) of William H. Crowley, 21 Aldie street, as Constable authorized to serve civil process, for term ending April 30, 1948;

Report on appointment (referred January 12) of Sylvia Goldman, 39 Baird street, Dorchester, as Weigher of Coal for term ending April 30, 1948—recommending that appointments be confirmed.

The reports were accepted, and the question came on confirmation. Committee, Councilors Bryan and Sullivan. Whole number of ballots 15, yeas 15, and the appointments were confirmed.

RECESS.

President HANNON declared a recess at 3.04 p. m., subject to the call of the Chair. The members reassembled and were called to order by President HANNON at 5.40 p. m.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CLAIMS.

Coun. LANIGAN, for the Committee on Claims, submitted the following:

Report on petition of James J. Devaney, Sr., to be reimbursed for amount of execution issued against him on account of his acts as operator of motor apparatus belonging to Fire Department, recommending passage of accompany order:

Ordered, That the sum of one hundred forty-one dollars and fifty cents ($141.50) be allowed and paid to James J. Devaney, Sr., in reimbursement for amount of execution issued against him on account of his acts as operator of motor apparatus belonging to the Fire Department, said sum to be charged to the Contingent Fund.

Report on petition of Henry A. Foster (referred December 22, 1947) to be reimbursed for amount of execution issued against him on account of his acts as operator of patrol wagon belonging to Police Department, recommending passage of accompanying order:

Ordered, That the sum of one thousand two hundred twenty-eight dollars and twenty-nine cents ($1,228.29) be allowed and paid to Henry A. Foster in reimbursement for amount of execution issued against him on account of his acts as operator of a patrol wagon belonging to the Police Department, said sum to be charged to the Contingent Fund.

Report on petition of Arthur J. Cullinane (referred December 22, 1947) to be reimbursed for amount of execution issued against him on account of his acts as operator of motor apparatus belonging to Fire Department, recommending passage of accompanying order.

Ordered, That the sum of two hundred seventy-five dollars be allowed and paid to Arthur J. Cullinane in reimbursement for amount of execution issued against him on account of his acts as operator of motor apparatus belonging to the Fire Department, said sum to be charged to the Contingent Fund.

The reports were accepted, and the orders were severally passed.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Coun. McCORMACK, for the Executive Committee, submitted the following:

1. Report on message of Mayor and order (referred today) that $832.19 be appropriated from special account entitled "Election Department Suspense Account" for voting machine repairs—that same ought to pass.

The reports were accepted, and the orders were passed, yeas 16, nays 0:

Yeas—Councilors Ansel, Beades, Bryan, Chase, Hannon, Keenan, Kinsella, Lane, Lanigan, McCormack, Ramsey, Shanley, Sullivan, Tracy, Wenzler, Yerxa—16.

Nays—0.

ESTABLISHMENT OF VETERANS' HOSPITAL.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, January 26, 1948.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—The United States of America, Veterans' Administration, are desirous of establishing a veterans' hospital on certain land, property of the City of Boston, in the vicinity of Heath and Cranford streets in Roxbury, and an agreement has been arrived at whereby the United States of America, Veterans' Administration, are prepared to pay for the same the sum of $72,500.

I hereby recommend immediate consideration and adoption by the City Council of the accompanying order.

Respectfully submitted,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Whereas, The City of Boston owns in fee certain parcels of land, situated on Heath and Cranford streets, Roxbury district, containing approximately one hundred forty-four thousand three hundred fifty-eight (144,358) square feet; and

Whereas, The United States of America, Veterans' Administration, desires to establish a veterans' hospital on said parcels of land and on adjacent lands bounded by Heath street, South Huntington avenue and property of the Massachusetts Osteopathic Hospital; and

Whereas, The parcel of land containing approximately one hundred thirty-six thousand one hundred twenty-eight (136,128) square feet has been declared by the Board of Park Commissioners to be no longer needed for park and playground purposes; and

Whereas, The parcel of land containing approximately eight thousand two hundred thirty, (8,230) square feet will on the acquisition by the United States of America, Veterans' Administration, of the aforesaid adjacent lands be no longer required for public highway purposes and will be discontinued by order of the Board of Street Commissioners and thereupon will be no longer required for public purposes; now therefore it is hereby

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor of the City of Boston be, and he hereby is, authorized in the name and behalf of the City of Boston to sell to the United States of America, Veterans' Administration, all the right, title and interest of the City of Boston in and to the said parcels of land, hereinafter described, at private sale for the sum of seventy-two thousand five hundred dollars ($72,500); and it is hereby further

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor of the City of Boston be, and he hereby is authorized in the name and behalf of the City of Boston, to convey to the United States of America, Veterans' Administration, by an instrument in writing satisfactory in form to the Law Department of the City of Boston and upon the payment to the City of Boston of the sum of seventy-two thousand five hundred dollars ($72,500) all the right, title and interest of the City of Boston in and to the following-described parcels of land:

PARCEL A.

Northeasterly by Heath street, by three measurements, one hundred forty-three and 29–100 (143.29) feet, fifty-nine and 56–100 (59.56) feet on a radius of two hundred three and 20–100 (R–203.20) feet, and fifteen and 88–100 (15.88) feet;

Southeasterly by land of the City of Boston, five hundred seventy-nine and 66–100 (579.66) feet;

Southwesterly by Grotto Glen road, by three measurements, eighty-three and 47–100 (83.47) feet, thirty-four and 97–100 (34.97) feet, and forty-one and 46–100 (41.46) feet;

Northwesterly by land now or formerly of Martin Lomasney, by two measurements, one hundred four and 83–100 (104.83) feet, and forty and 46–100 (40.46) feet;

Southwesterly by land now or formerly of Martin Lomasney, by two measurements, seventy-three and 01-100 (73.01) feet, and fifty-seven and 60-100 (57.60) feet on a radius of forty (R = 40.00) feet;

Northwesterly by land of the City of Boston "Parcel B" (Cranford street), by three measurements, one hundred forty-five and 78-100 (145.78) feet on a radius of eleven hundred thirty-five and 09-100 (R = 1135.09) feet, two hundred thirty-nine and 82-100 (239.82) feet, and thirty-one and 46-100 (41.46) feet on a radius of twenty (R = 20.00) feet;

Containing one hundred thirty-six thousand one hundred twenty-eight (136,128) square feet of land, more or less.

PARCEL B.

Northeasterly by Heath street, forty and 05-100 (40.05) feet;

Southeasterly by land of the City of Boston, "Parcel A", by three measurements, thirty-one and 46-100 (31.46) feet on a radius of twenty (R = 20.00) feet, two hundred thirty-nine and 82-100 (239.82) feet, and one hundred forty-five and 78-100 (145.78) feet on a radius of eleven hundred thirty-five and 09-100 (R = 1135.09) feet;

Southwesterly by land of person or persons unknown, twenty (20.00) feet;

Northwesterly by land of person or persons unknown, by two measurements, one hundred forty-eight and 36-100 (148.36) feet on a radius of eleven hundred fifty-five and 09-100 (R = 1155.09) feet, and two hundred fifty-nine and 92-100 (259.92) feet,

Said parcels of land "Parcel A" and "Parcel B" and all of said measurements are shown on a plan marked "City of Boston, Heath street, Cranford street, Roxbury; January 22, 1948, Thomas F. McGovern, Chief Engineer, Street Laying-Out Department." The original of said plan is on file in the office of the Chief Engineer, Street Laying-Out Department, City Hall, Boston, Massachusetts.

Referred to the Committee on Public Lands, with a request by President HANNON that the committee meeting be held as soon as possible.

FLAGPOLE FOR CENTRE STREET, WARD 19.

Coun. McCORMACK offered the following:

Ordered, That the City Messenger be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to make the necessary arrangements for a flagpole to be erected on Park Department property in front of the Poor Clare Convent, Centre street, Jamaica Plain, Ward 19.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

ACCEPTANCE OF WARD 22 STREETS.

Coun. SHANLEY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out the following-named streets in Ward 22 as public highways:

Beechcroft street, from Hester to Washington street.

Brock street, from Oakland to Washington street.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

REPLACEMENT OF GAS LAMPS, LINCOLN STREET, WARD 22.

Coun. SHANLEY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Public Works Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to replace the antiquated gas lamps on Lincoln street, Ward 22, with modern electric arc lamps.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE FOR ALFRED C. HOLLAND.

Coun. KEENAN and BEADES offered the following:

Ordered, That Alfred C. Holland, stenographer-clerk, be granted six months' leave of absence, without pay, to take effect January 28, 1948, at 5 p. m.

On motion of Councilor Sullivan the order was referred to the Committee on Rules.

RENTAL OF UNOCCUPIED FIREHOUSE, DORCHESTER LOWER MILLS.

Coun. KEENAN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Fire Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to lease or rent to the Dorchester Lower Mills Memorial Post No. 8699, Veterans of Foreign Wars, the quarters now unoccupied in the firehouse at the corner of Temple and River streets, Dorchester Lower Mills.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

SURVEY BY METROPOLITAN TRANSIT AUTHORITY.

Coun. RAMSEY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Metropolitan Transit Authority be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to make a complete survey of the transportation service in the Dorchester area in general, especially on the Fields Corner–Andrew Square line and the Ashmont belt line bus service.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

CLEANING OF CATCH-BASINS.

Coun. ANSEL offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to take immediate steps to have all the catch-basins in the city cleaned out, especially those in the Ward 14 section.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

ADDITIONAL VOLUNTARY WORK BY CITY LABORERS.

Coun. SULLIVAN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Public Works Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to allow those city laborers who so desire, to work six hours after their regular work day to clean crosswalks, catch-basins and hydrants.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

SHOWER FACILITIES, TIMILTY SCHOOL, ROXBURY.

Coun. SULLIVAN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Boston School Committee be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to include in their 1948 budget a sufficient amount of money for the installation of shower facilities in the James P. Timilty School, Roxbury.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

COMMENDATION OF PATROLMAN RIDGE.

Coun. LANIGAN offered the following:

Whereas, The protection of the property of the citizens of Boston is generally recognized as one of the primary duties of the members of the Boston Police Department; and

Whereas, The protection of the lives of our citizens is no less important; and

Whereas, The resourceful and heroic actions of one of the newly assigned members of the Boston Police Department is an example of "on the job" watchfulness and is most reassuring to all our citizens; therefore be it

Resolved, That his Honor the Mayor urge the Police Commissioner of the City of Boston to cite and mention Patrolman John Ridge for his valor in rescuing my father, John Lanigan, and no doubt saving him from a terrible death by burning in the fire which Patrolman Ridge discovered in a building on Cambridge street, Boston, on the evening of January 23d; and be it further

Resolved, That Patrolman Ridge be commended in the highest terms for his bravery and be recommended for whatever advancement and privileges possible under the rules of the department, as a minute reward for his exceptionally quick action and unselfish bravery.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

LIST OF PERSONS RECEIVING TAX ABATEMENTS OVER $20,000.

Coun. CHASE offered the following:

Ordered, That the Board of Assessors be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to submit a list of the names and addresses of all persons receiving tax abatements of over $20,000 each during the year 1947, to the City Council.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

On motion of Councilor Wenzler the Council voted to adjourn at 6.08 p. m., to meet on Monday, February 2, 1948, at 2 p. m.

Note: All debate of City Council eliminated from proceedings in accordance with Chapter 447, Acts of 1947.

(Stenographic copy of such debate on file in office of City Clerk.)

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of City Council.

Monday, February 2, 1948.

Regular meeting of the City Council held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 2 p. m., President HANNON in the chair. Absent, Councilors Coffey and Hurley.

The meeting was opened with the salute to the Flag.

JURORS DRAWN.

Sixty-one traverse jurors, Superior Criminal Court, to appear March 1, 1948, were drawn, Councilor Yerxa presiding at the box in the absence of the Mayor, viz.:

James P. Carroll, Ward 1; Jerome T. Kelly, Ward 1; John Palumbo, Ward 1; Alexander D. Blackstone, Ward 2; Anthony A. Abruzzi, Ward 3; Anthony Repucci, Ward 3; James Anderson, Ward 4; Peter A. Brown, Ward 4; George S. Chapin, Ward 4; Forrest J. Evans, Ward 4; John H. Jones, Ward 4; Frank Butynski, Ward 5; Lewis W. Clark, Ward 5; John Dever, Ward 5; Michael J. Hastings, Ward 5; Michael Joyce, Ward 6; Daniel Clancy, Ward 7; Walter T. Hynes, Ward 7; Bliss C. Johnson, Ward 8; Artbur A. Bennett, Ward 9; Geoffrey W. Dyes, Ward 10; Jobn L. Mazzeo, Ward 11; Albert J. White, Ward 11; Carroll Flashman, Ward 12; Howard J. Galbraith, Ward 12; Morris Kasac, Ward 12; George A. Kerr, Ward 12; Charles J. Stickney, Ward 12; Harold L. Howlett, Ward 13; Peter J. Spinelli, Ward 13; Nathan Alpert, Ward 14; Abrabam Freeman, Ward 14; David Kaplan, Ward 14; Harry Levine, Ward 14; James F. Clinton, Ward 15; Walter D. Dannahy, Ward 15; Lawrence McDonough, Ward 15; Hayman Mirkin, Ward 15; Thomas Broderick, Ward 16; Stephen F. Conner, Ward 16; Charles A. Cook, Ward 16; Bertram A. McKenzie, Ward 16; John Piscopo, Ward 16; Morris S. Gidez, Ward 17; Matthew B. Hudson, Ward 17; Louis D. Krest, Ward 17; Donald M. Robblee, Ward 17; Richard G. Sampson, Ward 17; Timothy Fleming, Ward 18; John Kelley, Ward 18; Chester R. McLaughlin, Ward 18; John F. Sullivan, Ward 18; Walter J. Westwood, Ward 18; Joseph E. Harding, Ward 19; Dante Ricci, Ward 19; Edison L. McInnis, Ward 20; George J. Scoff, Ward 20; Joseph H. Sybertz, Jr., Ward 20; Harry Greenfield, Ward 21; Carl Kolodny, Ward 21; Lawrence H. Cafarella, Ward 22.

ICE AND SNOW ON CITY STREETS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, January 27, 1948.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I transmit herewith communication from the Commissioner of Public Works relative to your order dated January 12, 1948, concerning the cleaning up of ice and snow on all streets in the City of Boston.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Public Works Department,
January 26, 1948.

Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Mr. Mayor,—I return herewith order passed in the City Council at its meeting of January 12 and reading as follows:

"Ordered, That the Publie Works Commissioner be ordered by his Honor the Mayor to take immediate steps to clean up the ice and snow on all streets in the City of Boston."

In connection witb tbis order, I respectfully report that the Public Works Department is doing all that it possibly can to clean the snow and ice from the streets of the city. It would be a physical impossibility to remove the snow from every street in the city, and, if such an attempt were to be made, the cost would be prohibitive.

This department will continue to carry on this work to the best of its ability with the facilities and finances available.

Respectfully yours,
ROBERT P. CURLEY,
Commissioner of Public Works.

Placed on file.

CASTLE ISLAND IMPROVEMENTS.

The following was received:

City of Boston
Office of the Mayor, January 28, 1948.

To tbe City Council.

Gentlemen,—I transmit herewith communication from the Park Department relative to your order of January 19, 1948, concerning the placing of Castle Island in first-class condition.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Park Department, January 26, 1948.

J. Joseph Connors,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.

Dear Sir,—I desire to acknowledge your memorandum, with enclosure, City Council order requesting the Board of Park Commissioners to put Castle Island in first-class condition, repairing the broken benches, etc.

It is our intention to advertise soon for bids for reconditioning Castle Island so as to put it into shape for use as a public park.

This work will probably cost $30,000, which amount we bave set up in the budget. Wben some of the snow leaves the ground, it will be easier to determine all that should be done.

Respectfullly yours,
JOHN J. MURPHY, Chairman.

Placed on file.

PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received and severally referred to the committees named:

Claims.

William L. Bryant, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at 610 Dudley street.

Frank C. Burns, to be reimbursed for execution issued against him.

Guy Caminita, for compensation for damage to car by city car.

Albert A. Carr, for compensation for damage to car by snowplow.

Ruth Cronk, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in Eastern Avenue Wharf.

Anthony Fareri, for compensation for damage to car caused by being sprayed with paint while driving through Sumner Tunnel.

Robert Henkin, for compensation for damage to car caused by an alleged defect in Brook avenue, Dorchester.

Francis A. Kenney, for compensation for damage to car by car of Fire Department.

Mary Kelly, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at 443 West Broadway.

Vincent P. McBrine, to be reimbursed for execution issued against him.

Evelyn McDonald, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in Essex street.

Jack and Alma Mesnick, for compensation for damage to property and injuries caused by city vehicle.

Joseph Miraglia, for compensation for damage to truck by city truck.

New England Telephone & Telegraph Company, for compensation for damage to property at 2297 Dorchester avenue, caused by Fire Department truck.

Mrs. Gordon E. Price, for compensation for damage to toboggan by city truck.

Veronica Romanovitz, for compensation for damage to car by city truck.

Anne M. Simmons, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in Dartmouth street.

Anthony Sinkavich, for compensation for damage to property at 191 Savin Hill avenue, caused by snowplow.

Annette N. Yackalow, for compensation for damage to property at 30 Allen street, caused by water in cellar.

Florindo Vegnani, for compensation for injuries and property damage caused by city truck.

Committee on Licenses.

Petition of Grove Hall Bowladrome, Joseph Pacino, 643 Warren street, Roxbury, to operate bowling alleys on the Lord's Day.

CONTRACT OF TRANSIT DEPARTMENT WITH METROPOLITAN TRANSIT AUTHORITY.

Notice was received from the Department of Public Utilities, authorizing Transit Department to enter into contract with Metropolitan Transit Authority to equip the rapid transit facilities being constructed in East Boston district.

Placed on file.

BUDGET FOR 1948.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, February 2, 1948.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen,— In compliance with section 3 of the Amended City Charter, I submit herewith my budget recommendations in full segregated form for the fiscal year 1948.

These recommendations cover three main appropriation divisions, namely, City Maintenance, County Maintenance, and Revenue Departments and Accounts. The appropriations recommended for the first two divisions will be included in the computation of the tax rate by the Board of Assessors, while the appropriations for the last division will be met from the income received by the several Revenue Divisions of the city.

The grand total of the recommendations for the year 1948, including $1,250,000, the amount already appropriated by your Honorable Body for Snow Removal, is $71,360,274.79. This amount represents an increase of $6,240,711.89 over the total of similar budget recommendations for 1947. The following table indicates in comparative form the appropriations by divisions for this year and last:

	1947.	1948.
City Maintenance	$57,291,444 66	$63,358,705 64
County Maintenance	4,511,229 16	4,620,399 81
Totals	$61,802,673 82	$67,979,105 45
Revenue Departments and Accounts	3,316,889 08	3,381,169 34
Grand Totals	$65,119,562 90	$71,360,274 79

The following detailed explanations are offered in connection with the three groups in question.

City Maintenance.

The allowances recommended for City Maintenance total $63,358.705.64. This total represents a reduction of $8,506,807.09 in the estimates as originally submitted by department officials, and is $6,067,260.98 more than the total of appropriation recommendations submitted in 1947.

An analysis of this increase reveals that approximately 90 per cent is centered in the following Budget Divisions:

Fire Department	$1,051,707 04
Hospital Department and Sanatorium Division	1,396,792 84
Public Welfare Department	1,117,544 92
Police Department	814,825 42
Long Island Hospital and Child Welfare Division	118,208 29
Department of Veterans' Services	219,707 70
Snow Removal	850,000 00
Total	$5,568,786 21

The increases generally in the Police and Fire Departments are necessary because of referendum of the people, or legislative enactments by their duly elected representatives in the General Court, and are listed as follows:

(1) Forty-eight-hour week for firemen.
(2) Day off in six for policemen.
(3) Increase in minimum and maximum salaries for members of the Police Department.
(4) The subsequent similar increase in minimum and maximum salaries for members of the Fire Department to equalize with the Police Department.
(5) Increased pension costs.
(6) The increased cost of uniforms and personal equipment of the added personnel in both the Fire and Police Departments due to the adoption of the 48-hour week for firemen and a day off in six for policemen.

The increases in the Hospital Department, Sanatorium Division, Long Island Hospital, and the Child Welfare Division, are due, in part, to the establishment of the 40-hour week, which, while general throughout the city, affects these departments perhaps more than any other, because they are on a seven-day, 24-hour basis. In addition, the rise in cost of food, fuel, and medical supplies and equipment adds necessarily to the increases in appropriations for these departments.

The increases in allotments for recipients authorized by the state, and the rise in case loads, makes necessary these substantial increases in the appropriations for the Public Welfare and Veterans' Services Departments.

An appropriation of $1,250,000 for Snow Removal has already been approved by your Honorable Body. This is an increase of $850,000 over similar appropriations for last year. We are all aware of the fact that the snowstorms of the present winter have been record-breaking, and whether or not this appropriation will be sufficient is not easy to determine. Usually February, from past experience, is a high snow month, and, if this February lives up to its past record, it is possible that this appropriation may have to be increased.

The balance of the increase for City Maintenance, amounting to $498,474.77, is divided among the remaining Budget Divisions of the city, and provides for step-rate increases, additional employees necessary because of the 40-hour week law, and the rising cost for Contractual Services, Supplies, Equipment, Materials, and all other commodities necessary for the proper operation of the various city departments.

The following tabulation indicates by budget groups the difference between the appropriations of last year and the allowances of the current year:

TWO-YEAR BUDGET COMPARISON.
CITY MAINTENANCE.

	1947. Appropriations.	1948 Allowances.	Increase.
A. Personal Service	$29,699,586 77	$32,864,512 52	$3,164,925 75
B. Contractual Services	6,214,313 57	6,511,142 39	296,828 82
C. Equipment	1,151,114 35	1,314,714 00	163,599 65
D. Supplies	3,685,203 39	4,155,373 07	470,169 68
E. Materials	435,536 00	530,187 50	94,651 50
F. Special Items	12,797,541 99	14,338,960 84	1,541,418 85
G. Incidentals	17,195 00	16,605 00	590 00*
Snow Removal	400,000 00	1,250,000 00	850,000 00
Special Appropriations	2,890,953 59	2,377,210 32	513,743 27*
Totals	$57,291,444 66	$63,358,705 64	$6,067,260 98

* Decrease.

COUNTY MAINTENANCE.

The allowances recommended for County Maintenance total $4,620,399.81. This total represents a reduction of $501,260.67 in the estimates as originally submitted by county officials, and is $109,170.65 more than the total of the appropriations submitted in 1947.

The following table indicates in comparative form the main points of difference between last year's appropriations and allowances recommended for the current year for County Maintenance:

TWO-YEAR BUDGET COMPARISON.
COUNTY MAINTENANCE.

	1947 Appropriations.	1948 Allowances.	Increase.
A. Personal Service	$3,221,908 38	$3,288,491 75	$66,583 37
B. Contractual Services	619,211 00	650,961 18	31,750 18
C. Equipment	82,488 14	91,443 35	8,955 21
D. Supplies	335,904 80	422,090 00	86,185 20
E. Materials	30,659 64	28,630 00	2,029 64*
F. Special Items	75,557 20	71,783 53	3,773 67*
Special Appropriations	145,500 00	67,000 00	78,500 00*
Totals	$4,511,229 16	$4,620,399 81	$109,170 65

* Decrease.

The increase in County Maintenance provides for current step-rate increases authorized under the County Compensation and Classification Plan; the additional amount necessary to provide for statutory increases granted to county officials and employees last year by the General Court; the 40-hour week law in a smaller degree than the city departments; and the rising cost for Contractual Services, Supplies, Equipment, Materials, and all other commodities necessary for the proper operation of the various county departments and institutions.

REVENUE DEPARTMENTS AND ACCOUNTS.

The following table indicates in comparative form the main points of difference between last year's appropriations and the allowances recommended for the current year for Revenue Departments and Accounts:

TWO-YEAR BUDGET COMPARISON.
REVENUE DEPARTMENTS AND ACCOUNTS.

	1947 Appropriations.	1948 Allowances.	Increase.
A. Personal Service	$1,797,173 05	$1,804,383 25	$7,210 20
B. Contractual Services	566,873 14	589,551 40	22,678 26
C. Equipment	120,340 00	99,670 40	20,669 60*
D. Supplies	61,354 75	64,465 00	3,110 25
E. Materials	280,655 50	297,835 50	17,180 00
F. Special Items	54,034 64	45,263 79	8,770 85*
Special Appropriations	436,458 00	480,000 00	43,542 00
Totals	$3,316,889 08	$3,381,169 34	$64,280 26

* Decrease.

The above increase is due mainly to the increased cost of commodities and equipment, and the increase in the State-Boston Retirement System Pension Fund.

As previously stated, the appropriations for the Revenue Departments and Accounts will be met from the income received by them.

I respectfully recommend the adoption of the budget as submitted after early consideration by your Honorable Body.

Very truly yours,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

APPROPRIATIONS AND TAX ORDERS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1948.

Ordered, That to meet the current expenses payable during the financial year beginning with the first day of January, 1948, for performing the duties and exercising the powers devolved by statute or ordinance, or by vote of the City Council during the year, upon the City of Boston, or County of Suffolk, or the departments or officers thereof, the respective sums of money specified in the tables and schedules hereinafter set out be, and the same are, hereby appropriated for the several departments and for the objects and purposes hereinafter stated.

Ordered, That the appropriation for Water Service, current expenses, and the payment to the state, under the provisions of chapter 488 of the Acts of 1895, and acts in addition or amendment thereto, and for the interest and debt requirements or for loans issued for water purposes, be met by the income of said works and any excess over income from taxes; that the appropriation for Printing Department be met by the department income and any excess over income from taxes; and the appropriation for the *City Record* be met by the income of said publication and any excess over income from taxes; that the appropriation for Pension Fund of the State-Boston Retirement System be met by any credits authorized by law and any excess by taxes; that the appropriation for the Sumner Traffic Tunnel be met by the income from tolls and any excess over income from taxes, in accordance with the provisions of section 11, chapter 297, of the Acts of 1929, as amended by chapter 74 of the Acts of 1935; that the other appropriations hereinafter specified be met out of the money remaining in the treasury at the close of business on December 31, 1947, exclusive of the money raised by loan or needed to carry out the requirements of any statute, gift, trust, or special appropriation; by the income of the financial year beginning January 1, 1948; by taxes on the polls and estates in the City of Boston; and by the proceeds of any duly authorized loans.

Ordered, That all sums of money which form no part of the income of the city, but shall be paid for services rendered or work done by any department or division for any other department or division, or for any person or corporation other than the City of Boston, be paid into the general treasury, and that all contributions made to any appropriation be expended for the objects and purposes directed by the several contributors thereof.

Ordered, That all taxes raised to meet the appropriations of the city, and all taxes assessed for meeting the city's proportion of the state tax for the year 1948, or for any other taxes or assessments payable to the Commonwealth, shall be payable in two equal installments, on July 1 and on October 1, 1948; that interest shall be charged on all taxes remaining unpaid after the first day of November, 1948, in accordance with provisions of chapter 59, section 57, of the General Laws, as amended, until paid, and that all interest which shall have become due on taxes shall be added to and be part of such taxes.

Ordered, That except as the appropriation for any purpose or item shall be increased by additional appropriations or transfers lawfully made, no money shall be expended by any department for any of the purposes or items designated in the tables and schedules hereinafter set out in excess of the amount set down as appropriated for such specific purpose or item.

Comparison of 1948 Departmental Allowances with 1947 Appropriations.

City Maintenance.

Department.	1947 Appropriations.	1948 Allowances.	Increase.
Art Department	$3,893 00	$1,655 00	$2,238 00*
Assessing Department	449,896 16	433,738 77	16,157 39*
Auditing Department	128,363 98	129,792 05	1,428 07
Central Payroll Division	46,239 13	35,017 82	11,221 31*
Boston Retirement System	31,232 74	32,556 43	1,323 69
Boston Traffic Commission	230,613 86	324,252 57	93,638 71
Budget Department	21,167 20	20,439 80	727 40*
Building Department	334,948 13	346,530 79	11,582 66
Board of Appeal	15,807 52	15,946 45	138 93
Board of Examiners	5,963 40	5,963 40	—
City Clerk Department	58,662 63	66,851 69	8,189 06
City Council	111,876 00	115,456 00	3,580 00
City Council Proceedings	12,000 00	14,200 00	2,200 00
City Documents	18,000 00	20,000 00	2,000 00
City Planning Board	28,355 31	30,225 08	1,869 77
Collecting Department	164,084 28	158,687 61	5,396 67*
Election Department	346,397 22	410,459 98	64,062 76
Finance Commission	50,000 00	50,000 00	—
Fire Department	7,131,103 96	8,182,811 00	1,051,707 04
Electrical Inspection Division	108,398 62	109,115 21	716 59
Heath Department	1,119,182 22	1,123,805 82	4,623 60
Hospital Department	6,042,500 00	7,267,175 00	1,224,675 00
Sanatorium Division	1,122,566 72	1,294,684 56	172,117 84
Institutions Department:			
Central Office	59,711 78	60,948 88	1,237 10
Child Welfare Division	530,261 56	584,189 81	53,928 25
Long Island Hospital	1,082,750 00	1,147,030 04	64,280 04
Steamers	137,938 88	129,470 00	8,468 88*
Eastern Avenue Wharf	35,000 00	12,508 64	22,491 36*
Law Department	224,177 29	227,887 67	3,710 38
Library	1,811,318 98	2,036,750 84	225,431 86
Licensing Board	77,743 00	80,481 00	2,738 00
Mayor, Office Expenses	128,322 00	108,522 00	19,800 00*
Municipal Employment	33,602 00	31,309 20	2,292 80*
Park Department	1,614,441 68	1,980,489 00	366,047 32
Cemetery Division	152,076 43	158,242 05	6,165 62
Police Department	8,722,589 58	9,537,415 00	814,825 42
Public Buildings Department	834,862 91	866,981 98	32,119 07
Market Division	21,469 45	23,747 68	2,278 23
Public Welfare Department:			
Central Office	11,217,587 08	12,335,132 00	1,117,544 92
Temporary Home	27,015 00	28,190 00	1,175 00
Wayfarers' Lodge	32,802 26	32,091 11	711 15*
Public Works Department:			
Central Office	39,077 00	41,303 16	2,226 16
Bridge Service	591,969 00	623,105 96	31,136 96
Ferry Service	305,014 99	282,945 09	22,069 90*
Lighting Service	1,002,453 72	1,104,500 02	102,046 30
Paving Service	1,227,687 81	1,228,781 00	1,093 19
Sanitary Service	4,427,907 08	4,501,181 00	73,273 92
Sewer Service	566,437 25	606,939 35	40,502 10
Registry Department	110,965 10	124,161 54	13,196 44
Sinking Funds Department	2,930 00	3,015 00	85 00
Department of Veterans' Services	900,312 22	1,120,019 92	219,707 70
Statistics Department	21,608 00	21,545 00	63 00*
Street Laying-Out Department	176,254 08	155,043 03	21,211 05*
Supply Department	79,581 71	79,178 30	403 41*
Treasury Department	139,807 76	139,339 66	468 10*
Weights and Measures Department	68,287 98	66,243 36	2,044 62*
Board of Real Estate Commissioners	96,514 54	63,442 00	33,072 54*

Special Appropriations.	1947 Appropriations.	1948 Allowances.	Increase.
Purchase of Department Equipment	$154,100 00	—	$154,100 00*
Contingent Fund	325,000 00	$400,000 00	75,000 00
Reserve Fund	125,000 00	125,000 00	—
Recording and Binding of Veterans' Discharges, etc.	15,000 00	5,000 00	10,000 00*
Hospital, Installations, Alterations and Repairs	175,000 00	125,000 00	50,000 00*
Sanatorium Division, Installations, Alterations and Repairs	100,000 00	75,000 00	25,000 00*
Long Island Hospital, Special Improvements and Repairs	405,000 00	350,000 00	55,000 00*
Conventions and Entertainment of Distinguished Guests	44,650 00	40,000 00	4,650 00*
Public Celebrations	75,000 00	80,000 00	5,000 00
Park and Playground Improvements, etc.	200,000 00	125,000 00	75,000 00*
Reconstruction and Repairs of Parkways and Roadways	—	21,000 00	21,000 00
Rehabilitation of Franklin Park Zoo	50,000 00	50,000 00	—
City Hall Annex, Emergency Repairs, Steel Framework and Masonry	75,000 00	50,000 00	25,000 00*
Municipal Building, Charlestown, Alterations and Repairs, etc.	20,000 00	6,000 00	14,000 00*
Renovate and Remodel Oak and Tyler Streets Building,	20,000 00	10,000 00	10,000 00*
Bridges, Repairs, etc.	200,000 00	200,000 00	—
Public Ways, Construction of	154,100 00	156,079 81	1,979 81
Reconstruction of Streets	200,000 00	275,000 00	75,000 00
Sidewalks, Construction and Reconstruction of	50,000 00	50,000 00	—
Snow Removal	400,000 00	1,250,000 00	850,000 00
Unsafe Buildings, Securing, Removing, etc.	40,000 00	50,000 00	10,000 00
State-Boston Retirement System — Expense Fund	28,664 46	28,050 70	613 76*
Construction of Buildings, and Original Equipment and Furnishing thereof	154,100 00	156,079 81	1,979 81
Sewerage Works	154,100 00	—	154,100 00*
Ferry Improvements	45,000 00	—	45,000 00*
Totals	$57,291,444 66	$63,358,705 64	$6,067,260 98

* Decrease.
† Previously appropriated by the City Council.

County Maintenance.

Department.	1947 Appropriations.	1948 Allowances.	Increase.
Suffolk County Court House, Custodian	$433,968 23	$464,244 67	$30,276 44
County Buildings	133,004 39	135,407 37	2,402 98
Jail	271,343 87	285,836 29	14,492 42
Supreme Judicial Court	59,940 66	59,855 84	84 82*
Superior Court, Civil Session, General Expenses	459,778 01	465,340 50	5,562 49
Superior Court, Civil Session, Clerk's Office	235,572 24	238,720 37	3,148 13
Superior Criminal Court	558,434 07	562,907 78	4,473 71
Probate Court	43,030 12	44,882 52	1,852 40
Municipal Court, City of Boston	615,462 16	601,317 32	14,144 84*
Municipal Court, Charlestown District	42,031 50	44,018 33	1,986 83
East Boston District Court	40,343 22	41,811 78	1,468 56
Municipal Court, South Boston District	45,868 03	46,435 02	566 99
Municipal Court, Dorchester District	60,810 13	59,459 28	1,350 85*
Municipal Court, Roxbury District	146,838 70	147,535 10	696 40
Municipal Court, West Roxbury District	52,262 76	52,564 50	301 74
Municipal Court, Brighton District	35,991 35	35,407 99	583 36*
Boston Juvenile Court	41,617 52	43,606 15	1,988 63
District Court of Chelsea	45,534 93	47,428 57	1,893 64
Registry of Deeds	266,587 05	276,134 47	9,547 42
Index Commissioners	29,212 03	29,544 32	332 29
Insanity Cases	36,135 00	45,135 00	9,000 00
Medical Examiner Service, Northern Division	28,947 40	30,638 87	1,691 47
Medical Examiner Service, Southern Division	20,163 62	21,690 28	1,526 66
Associate Medical Examiner Service, Northern Division	2,062 50	3,562 50	1,500 00
Associate Medical Examiner Service, Southern Division	2,177 50	3,727 50	1,550 00
Miscellaneous Expenses:			
Auditing Department	27,370 18	26,429 45	940 73*
Budget Department	17,672 72	18,412 02	739 30
Collecting Department	1,000 00	1,000 00	—
Sheriff	5,025 00	5,025 00	—
Treasury Department	6,025 00	6,025 00	—
Penal Institutions Department:			
Office Expenses	53,729 12	54,195 24	466 12
House of Correction	547,790 15	655,100 78	107,310 63

Special Appropriations.	1947 Appropriations.	1948 Allowances.	Increase.
Social Law Library	$1,000 00	$1,000 00	—
Contingent Fund	10,000 00	5,000 00	$5,000 00*
House of Correction, Special Improvements and Repairs	100,000 00	31,000 00	69,000 00*
Northern Mortuary Building, Alterations and Repairs	20,000 00	5,000 00	15,000 00*
Jail Improvements	14,500 00	17,000 00	2,500 00
Dorchester Court House, Repairs, etc.	—	8,000 00	8,000 00
Totals	$4,511,229 16	$4,620,399 81	$109,170 65

* Decrease.

REVENUE DEPARTMENTS AND ACCOUNTS.

DEPARTMENT.	1947 Appropriations.	1948 Allowances.	Increase.
Printing Department	$544,289 43	$555,204 14	$10,914 71
City Record, Publication of	38,465 00	38,940 00	475 00
Public Works—Water Division	1,690,616 74	1,693,330 64	2,713 90
Sumner Traffic Tunnel	438,451 37	437,362 67	1,088 70*
Collecting—Water Division	167,808 54	175,531 89	7,723 35
Auditing—Water Division	800 00	800 00	—

SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS.	1947 Appropriations.	1948 Allowances.	Increase.
State-Boston Retirement System, Pension Fund	$306,458 00	$360,000 00	$53,542 00
Departmental Stationery and Postage	130,000 00	120,000 00	10,000 00*
Totals	$3,316,889 08	$3,381,169 34	$64,280 26

* Decrease.

RECAPITULATION.

	1947 Appropriations.	1948 Allowances.	Increase.
CITY MAINTENANCE	$57,291,444 66	$63,358,705 64	$6,067,260 98
COUNTY MAINTENANCE	4,511,229 16	4,620,399 81	109,170 65
TOTALS	$61,802,673 82	$67,979,105 45	$6,176,431 63
REVENUE DEPARTMENTS AND ACCOUNTS	$3,316,889 08	$3,381,169 34	$64,280 26
GRAND TOTALS	$65,119,562 90	$71,360,274 79*	$6,240,711 89

* 1948 grand total includes $1,250,000 previously appropriated for Snow Removal.

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

HEARINGS ON BUDGET.

Coun. BRYAN, Chairman of Committee on Appropriations, announced that hearings on the budget would start on Tuesday, February 10, at 10 a. m.

RECESS.

President HANNON declared a recess at 2.21 p. m., subject to the call of the Chair. The members reassembled in the Council Chamber and were called to order by President HANNON at 4.05 p. m.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONSTABLES AND CONFIRMATIONS.

Coun. ANSEL, for the Committee on Constables and Confirmations, submitted the following:

Report on appointments of Weighers of Coal (referred January 26)—that appointments be confirmed:

Frank Barrett, 261 Temple street, West Roxbury.

David A. Nagle, 34 Emerson street, South Boston.

The report was accepted, and the question came on confirmation. Committee, Councilor Bryan and Chase. Whole number of ballots 13, nays 0, and the appointments were confirmed.

ACCEPTANCE OF CHAPTER 146, ACTS OF 1947.

Coun. HANNON and BRYAN offered the following:

Ordered, That the City of Boston hereby accept chapter 146 of the Acts of 1947, an act relative to vacations and sick leave for police officers of the City of Boston.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

REQUESTED APPEARANCE OF HOUSING AUTHORITY CHAIRMAN.

Coun. WENZLER offered the following:

Ordered, That the Chairman of the Boston Housing Authority be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to appear before the Executive Committee of the Boston City Council, Monday, February 9, 1948, at 2.30 p. m., to discuss and inform the City Council as to what has been done to expedite the construction of the South Boston Housing Project.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

INCREASE OF $200 FOR TEMPORARY EMPLOYEES.

Coun. WENZLER offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to grant city employees who were temporarily employed at the time the Mayor ordered an increase in wages for all city employees of $200 the increase of $200 per year that was granted to permanent and provisional employees.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

REMOVAL OF ICE AND SNOW FROM SIDEWALKS.

Coun. KEENAN offered the following:

City of Boston.

In the Year Nineteen Hundred and Forty-eight.

An Ordinance Concerning the Removal of Snow and Ice from Sidewalks.

Be it ordained by the City Council of Boston as follows:

Section 42 of chapter 40 of the Revised Ordinances of 1947 is hereby amended by striking out, in the first line, the words "or tenant of an estate" and inserting in place thereof the words "of land," so as to read as follows:

SECT. 42. No owner of land abutting on a sidewalk shall place or suffer to remain for more than three hours between sunrise and sunset any snow upon such sidewalks, or any ice upon such sidewalks unless such ice is made even and covered with sand, sawdust, or ashes to prevent slipping; nor shall any person remove any ice or snow from privately owned property and place it in the street in that territory bounded by the Roxbury Canal, South Bay, Fort Point Channel, Boston Harbor; Charles River to Massachusetts avenue, by and including Massachusetts avenue to the Roxbury Canal.

Referred to the Committee on Ordinances.

WIDENING OF GALLIVAN BOULEVARD.

Coun. KEENAN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to widen Gallivan Boulevard on the southerly side, at the intersection of Washington street, in Ward 17.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

PUBLIC ADDRESS SYSTEM ON COUNCIL FLOOR.

Coun. KEENAN offered the following:
Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be authorized, through his Honor the Mayor, to install a public address system on the Council floor.
Passed under suspension of the rules.

TENURE OF OFFICE OF POLICE SERGEANT ASSIGNED TO DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE.

Coun. HANNON and KINSELLA offered the following:
Resolved, That the City Council of Boston hereby approves enactment of legislation relative to the tenure of the police sergeant of the City of Boston assigned to duty in the office of the District Attorney for Suffolk County, provided such legislation contains a referendum to the Mayor and City Council.
Passed under suspension of the rules.

CLEARING OF ICE AND SNOW FROM CAR AND BUS STOPS.

Coun. BEADES, RAMSEY and KEENAN offered the following:
Ordered, That the Metropolitan Transit Authority be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to clear away the snow and ice from in front of all bus and street car stops in all wards throughout the city, so that patrons may be able to board these vehicles without having to climb over snowbanks.
Passed under suspension of the rules.

LICENSING OF MACHINES IN LAUNDERETTES.

Coun. RAMSEY offered the following:
Ordered, That the City Council Committee on Ordinances be directed to investigate the possibility of acquiring new revenue for the City of Boston by licensing each machine used in so-called launderettes doing business in the City of Boston.
Referred to the Committee on Ordinances.

RESOLUTION FAVORING PASSAGE OF HOUSE BILL NO. 344.

Coun. RAMSEY offered the following:
Resolved, That the members of the Boston City Council, in meeting assembled, be recorded as favoring the passage of House Bill No. 344, a bill requesting the appointment of a commission to investigate and study the rates being charged by gas companies operating in the City of Boston.
Passed under suspension of the rules.

APPROPRIATION FOR STUDY OF GAS RATES.

Coun. RAMSEY offered the following:
Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to recommend an appropriation in the sum of $25,000 to be expended under the direction of the Corporation Counsel for a study of the rates being charged by gas companies doing business in the City of Boston, and for the institution and conduct of proceedings in opposition to the proposed increase in rates for 1948; and be it further
Ordered, That said sum of $25,000 be charged to the Contingent Fund, when established.
Referred to the Executive Committee.

LIFTING OF PALESTINE EMBARGO.

Coun. ANSEL and COOK offered the following:
Ordered, That the Boston City Council memorialize the President of the United States, the Secretary of State, and the United Nations to lift the embargo so that aggression and force can be met by the Haganah, who are organizing to combat terror and force and aggression and to maintain discipline and peace in the establishment of the National Homeland of the Jewish people in conformity with the vote taken by the United Nations establishing the partition plan in Palestine.
Referred to the Committee on Rules.

RAPID TRANSIT LINE, EGLESTON SQUARE–MATTAPAN.

Coun. ANSEL offered the following:
Ordered, That the Trustees of the Metropolitan Transit Authority be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to make a survey to determine the feasibility of constructing a rapid transit line from Egleston square to Mattapan.
Passed under suspension of the rules.

SURVEY OF TRANSIT FACILITIES, EGLESTON SQUARE–MATTAPAN, ETC.

Coun. ANSEL offered the following:
Ordered, That the Trustees of the Metropolitan Transit Authority be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to make a survey of the present inadequate transportation facilities on the Egleston Square-Mattapan line; and be it further
Ordered, That the Trustees of the Metropolitan Transit Authority be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to construct safety islands at all stops along the Egleston Square-Mattapan line for the protection of street car commuters.
Passed under suspension of the rules.

Coun. KEENAN in the chair.

ELIGIBILITY FOR WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION BENEFITS.

Coun. LINEHAN offered the following:
Ordered, That under the provisions of chapter 403 of the Acts of 1936 all employees of the City of Boston, with the exception of members of the police and fire force, shall be eligible for all Workmen's Compensation benefits as now apply through the provisions of any special or general law to laborers, workmen, and mechanics.
Referred to Committee on Ordinances.

PUSH-BUTTON TRAFFIC LIGHTS, WARD 11.

Coun. TRACY offered the following:
Ordered, That the Traffic Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to install push-button traffic lights at the intersection of Dimock street and Columbus avenue, Ward 11.
Passed under suspension of the rules.

ERECTION OF FENCE BY NEW YORK, NEW HAVEN & HARTFORD RAILROAD.

Coun. HANNON offered the following:
Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to direct the Law Department to confer with the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad and the Department of Public Utilities relative to the erection of a fence along the Midland Division of the New Haven Railroad, particularly in the vicinity of Uphams Corner Station.
Passed under suspension of the rules.

President HANNON in the chair.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LICENSES.

Coun. LANE, for the Committee on Licenses, submitted the following:
Report on petition (referred January 26) of Boylston Bowladrome, Inc., Morris Vigoda, 1260 Boylston street, to operate bowling alleys on the Lord's Day—recommending that license be granted.
Councilor Linehan announced that he would refrain from voting on the matter as he had represented the petitioner as counsel.
Report accepted; license granted under usual conditions.

REDUCTION OF BUDGET.

Coun. CHASE offered the following:

Ordered, That the Committee on Appropriations give careful study to that portion of the Mayor's budget which provides for temporary employees and replacement of employees retired or resigned, with a view to reducing the budget on these items.

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

INSTALLATION OF ELECTRIC LIGHTS, WARD 22.

Coun. SHANLEY offered the following two orders:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to install an electric arc light at the corner of Turner and Washington streets, Ward 22.

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to replace the present gas lamps on Falkland street, Ward 22, with modern electric arc lights.

Severally passed under suspension of the rules.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC LANDS.

Coun. TRACY, for the Committee on Public Lands, submitted the following:

1. Report on message of Mayor and order (referred December 29, 1947) for sale of land on southerly side of Commonwealth avenue, at Lake Street entrance to Chestnut Hill Park, to Roman Catholic Archbishop of Boston for sum of $1—that same ought to pass.

The report was accepted, and the question came on the passage of the order. The order was given its first reading and passage, yeas 15, nays 0:

Yeas—Councilors Ansel, Beades, Bryan, Chase, Cook, Hannon, Keenan, Lane, Linehan, McCormack, Ramsey, Shanley, Sullivan, Tracy, Yerxa—15.

Nays—0.

The order will take its second reading and passage in not less than 14 days.

2. Report on message of Mayor and order (referred January 26) for sale of land on Heath and Cranford streets, Roxbury, to United States Government Veterans Administration for hospital — that same ought to pass.

The report of the committee was accepted. Councilor Carey moved that the matter lay on the table for one week but later withdrew the motion. Councilor Tracy then moved that the order be given its first reading and passage today and that the order be resubmitted to the committee and a public hearing be held on Friday morning at 10.30 a. m.

The question came on giving the order its first reading and passage. The order was given its first reading and passage, yeas 15, nays 0:

Yeas—Councilors Ansel, Beades, Bryan, Chase, Cook, Hannon, Keenan, Lane, Linehan, McCormack, Ramsey, Shanley, Sullivan, Tracy, Yerxa—15.

Nays—0.

Present—Councilor Carey.

The order was declared referred to the Committee on Public Lands for a public hearing on Friday, February 6, at 10.30 a. m.

On motion of Councilor Cook the Council voted to adjourn at 5.08 p. m., to meet on Monday, February 9, 1948, at 2 p. m.

Note: All debate of City Council eliminated from proceedings in accordance with chapter 447, Acts of 1947.

(Stenographic copy of such debate on file in office of City Clerk.)

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of City Council.

Monday, February 9, 1948.

Regular meeting of the City Council held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 2 p. m., President HANNON in the chair. Absent, Councilor Carey.

The meeting was opened with the salute to the Flag.

JURORS DRAWN.

Jurors were drawn, Councilor Shanley presiding at the ballot box, in the absence of the Mayor, viz.:

One hundred thirty-six traverse jurors, Superior Civil Court, to appear March 1, 1948:

Frank Leveroni, Ward 1; Anthony F. Massaro, Ward 1; Francis G. Mealey, Ward 1; Joseph Rinella, Ward 1; Frederick W. Apel, Ward 2; James F. Crowley, Ward 2; Alfred J. Dionne, Ward 2; John McDevitt, Ward 2; George St. Jean, Ward 2; Donald J. Clark, Ward 3; Edwin W. Eaves, Ward 3; A. Frank Johnson, Ward 3; Charles Kondos, Ward 3; Arthur C. Day, Ward 4; Mark Englander, Ward 4; Philip Hurley, Ward 4; Richard J. Kelly, Ward 4; Casimir G. Marconi, Ward 4; Harold F. Petherick Ward 4; Harold T. Treash, Ward 4; Fred A. Brewer, Ward 5; Emil N. Filip, Ward 5; John P. Good, Ward 5; Donald F. Grey, Ward 5; Philip E. Martin, Ward 5; James Spinale, Ward 5; Walter H. Westmoreland, Ward 5; Francis G. Anderson, Ward 6; Peter Anderson, Ward 6; Daniel J. Calnan, Ward 6; Edward G. Creed, Ward 6; John M. Gildred, Jr., Ward 6; Ignatius Tarutis, Ward 6; Bertram Federici, Ward 7; John J. Foley, Ward 7; Frank Hennessey, Ward 7; William H. Hurlebaus, Ward 7; John Mazetis, Ward 7; Thomas J. O'Donnell, Ward 7; Dennis J. Sweeney, Ward 7; Joseph Taurinskas, Ward 7; Charles N. DelDotto, Ward 8; John F. Fitzgerald, Ward 8; Nicholas J. Hardy, Ward 8; William J. Johnson, Ward 8; Kenneth B. Ledgerwood, Ward 8; George H. Regele, Ward 8; Stanley H. Cox, Ward 9; Anthony J. Ezzo, Ward 9; David Graham, Ward 9; Ira Layton, Ward 9; Joseph White, Ward 9; William L. Bosinger, Ward 10; William S. Doyle, Ward 10; Edmund J. Kuhn, Ward 10; Joseph McGillicuddy, Ward 10; Thomas F. Reddish, Ward 10; Herbert L. Reece, Ward 10; Harry E. Wilson, Ward 10; Robert T. Cotton, Ward 11; Andrew DeFina, Ward 11; Leroy G. Haddock, Ward 11; Charles A. O'Connor, Ward 11; Anthony F. Pacheco, Ward 11; George J. Svenson, Ward 11; Ralph R. Young, Jr., Ward 11.

Charles Brown, Ward 12; Aaron Copenhagen, Ward 12; Arthur Goldsmith, Ward 12; Louis Kantor, Ward 12; Robert Daniel Lee, Ward 12; Boris J. Shabliovsky, Ward 12; Nathan Shrair, Ward 12; Michael J. Byrne, Ward 13; John Fleming, Ward 13; Dennis V. O'Connor, Ward 13; James P. Scully, Ward 13; Abraham D. Baker, Ward 14; Nathan B. Bell, Ward 14; David Davis, Ward 14; Edward J. Kerwin, Ward 14; David Krisnoff, Ward 14; John J. Leary, Ward 14; Harry Meltzer, Ward 14; Theodore Nimburg, Ward 14; Jack Pach, Ward 14; Allan R. Price, Ward 14; Kenneth K. Singer, Ward 14; Bernard B. Tavel, Ward 14; Joseph Vento, Ward 14; Nathan Woolf, Ward 14; Victor Yanoff, Ward 14; John L. DeLorio, Ward 15; Edward L. Flynn, Ward 15; Peter F. Holloran, Ward 15; Joseph W. Plunkett, Jr., Ward 15; Edward Poole, Ward 15; Samuel Wilson, Ward 15; Richard A. Yorke, Ward 15; Louis DeToma, Ward 16; Joseph N. Gagnon, Ward 16; Armand J. Menconi, Ward 16; Harry E. Morrissey, Ward 16; Herbert E. Murray, Ward 16; Ralph Brunswick, Ward 17; William H. Chellman, Ward 17; Joseph A. Gartland, Ward 17; Arthur W. Gibson, Ward 17; Peter A. Hall, Ward 17; Samuel H. Katz, Ward 17; Jack Spiesman, Ward 17; Henry E. Alsterlund, Ward 18; John J. Carew, Ward 18; Russell J. Heffernan, Ward 18; Thomas Keane, Ward 18; Harold T. Allen, Ward 19; William P. Kremmell, Ward 19; Leslie D. Rupert, Ward 19; Albert F. Wilson, Ward 19; William P. Darling, Ward 20; William E. Donlon, Ward 20; Louis E. Hain, Ward 20; Edwin E. Keene, Ward 20; John W. Leonard, Ward 20; David Wood, Ward 20; William A. Duffy, Ward 21; Richard O. Fawcette, Ward 21; William M. Horn, Ward 21; Fred Koufos, Ward 21; Manuel N. Polit, Ward 21; William R. Welch, Ward 21; Frederick G. Wilson, Ward 21; Thomas F. Clark, Ward 22; Harry T. Doane, Ward 22; Ralph E. Lucas, Ward 22; Paul J. Pusen, Ward 22.

APPOINTMENT BY THE MAYOR.

Subject to confirmation by the Council, the Mayor submitted the appointment of Henry J. Quigley, 113 State street, Boston, Mass., as Weigher of Goods, for term ending April 30, 1948.

Referred to Committee on Confirmations.

APPROPRIATION FOR SAVINGS BOND ALLOTMENT PLAN.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, February 5, 1948.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—For the past five years, at the request of officials of the United States Treasury Department, the city has been making pay roll deductions for the purchase of United States Savings Bonds. During this period, over $3,500,000 has been deducted from salaries of city and county employees for that purpose. Eight thousand employees are still buying bonds of their government under this plan.

The officials of the United States Treasury Department have urged the continuance of this plan for an indefinite period. It is desirable, in my opinion, to continue to cooperate with the Federal Government in this worth-while program.

I therefore submit herewith an appropriation order for the continuance for another year of the unit responsible for the handling of these pay roll deductions, and respectfully recommend adoption of this order by your Honorable Body.

Respectfully,
James M. Curley, Mayor.

Ordered, that the sum of twenty-nine thousand dollars ($29,000) be, and the same hereby is, appropriated, to be expended under the direction of the Mayor, as administrative expenses in connection with the United States Savings Bond Allotment Plan, said sum to be charged to the Contingent Fund when made.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received and referred to the committees named, viz.:

Claims.

Thomas Amendolare, for compensation for damage to car by city truck.

George Attaya, for compensation for injuries caused by snowplow.

Mary T. Bandlow, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at 100 West Milton street.

Susan Breen, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in front of Faneuil Street fire station.

Thomas Casey, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at Seneca and Albany streets.

Cipriano Brothers, for compensation for damage to property at 69 Clinton street, caused by broken water pipe.

Henry Deutsch, for compensation for damage to truck by city truck.

George J. Floyd, to be reimbursed for execution issued against him.

Amelia Guaragna, for compensation for damage to property at 35 Van Winkle street, caused by roots of tree clogging drain.

H. P. Hood & Sons, Inc., for compensation for damage to truck by snowplow.

Margaret Hugal, for compensation for injuries caused by city car.

Joseph T. Maguire, for compensation for damage to car caused by an alleged defect in North Beacon street.

Mellow Banana Company, for compensation for damage to property at 61 Clinton street, caused by broken water pipes.

Bruno Mongiardo, for compensation for damage to car caused by being sprayed with paint while driving through Sumner Tunnel.

Winifred Reddam, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at Brooks and Newton streets.

Sidney Rosenthal, for compensation for damage to car by city truck.

Nicholas Sacoviello, for compensation for injuries caused by city truck.

Salvatore & Frank Spadaro, for compensation for damage to property at 65 Clinton street, caused by broken water pipe.

Edward L. Villoboseux, for compensation for damage to car caused by an alleged defect in Huntington avenue.

Incerto Virgilio, for compensation for damage to car by city truck.

Anna Walsh, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in Harrison avenue.

West Disinfecting Company, for compensation for damage to truck by city truck.

CHILDREN'S PERMITS.

Petitions for children under 15 years of age to appear at places of public amusement were received as follows:

Tributary Theatre of Boston, New England Mutual Hall, February 7.

Tributary Theatre of Boston, New England Mutual Hall, February 13 and 14.

Permits granted under usual conditions.

RECESS.

President HANNON declared a recess for the purpose of going into Executive Session at 2.23 p. m. The members reassembled and were called to order by President HANNON at 2.38 p. m.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RULES.

Coun. KEENAN, for the Committee on Rules, submitted the following:

1. Report on resolution (referred February 2) requesting President and United Nations to lift the embargo on Palestine—that same ought to pass.

The report was accepted, and the resolution was passed.

2. Report on order (referred January 26) that six months' leave of absence be granted to Alfred C. Holland, without pay, to take effect January 28, at 5 p. m.— that same ought to pass.

The report was accepted, and the order was passed.

3. Report on order of Councilor Linehan (referred January 19) to amend Rule 14 of the City Council — recommending passage of order in new draft, viz.:

Ordered, That Rule 14 of the City Council be amended as follows:

. . . If, after thirty days, a matter referred to a committee is not reported upon, it may be recalled by a standing vote of seven members of the City Council.

The report was accepted, and the question came on the passage of the order as recommended by the committee.

A rising vote was taken, and the order as amended was passed, yeas 15, nays 3. Councilor Coffey doubted the vote and asked for a roll call and a sufficient number having supported him, the Clerk called the roll.

The order was passed, yeas 15, nays 3:

Yeas—Councilors Ansel, Beades, Bryan, Cantwell, Chase, Cook, Hannon, Keenan, Lane, Lanigan, Linehan, McCormack, Ramsey, Tracy, Yerxa—15.

Nays—Councilors Coffey, Kinsella, Sullivan—3.

Voting present—Councilor Shanley.

4. Report on order of Councilor Wenzler (referred January 26) that Rule 14 of the City Council be amended as follows:

"Every matter not returned by the committee within thirty days shall be returned to Executive Committee"—that same ought not to pass.

The report was accepted, and the question came on the rejection of the order. The order was rejected.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Coun. McCORMACK, for the Executive Committee, submitted the following:

Report on message of Mayor and order(referred today) appropriating $29,000 to be expended, under direction of the Mayor, as administrative expenses in connection with United States Savings Bond Allotment Plan, said sum to be charged to Contingent Fund when made — that same ought to pass.

The report was accepted, and the order was passed, yeas 19, nays 0:

Yeas—Councilors Ansel, Beades, Bryan, Cantwell, Chase, Coffey, Cook, Hannon, Keenan, Kinsella, Lane, Lanigan, Linehan, McCormack, Ramsey, Shanley, Sullivan, Tracy, Yerxa—19.

Nays—0.

FURTHER AMENDMENT OF RULE 14.

Coun. KEENAN offered the following:

Ordered, That Rule 14, of the City Council, as most recently amended, be further amended in the final paragraph of said rule, so that said final paragraph shall read as follows:

. . . If, after sixty days, a matter referred to a committee is not reported upon, any member may recall such matter from the committee, and such matter shall not again be committed to the same or any other committee, except that it may be referred or committed to the Executive Committee.

The provision of this rule shall not apply to matters before the Rules Committee, and such matters shall not be considered except upon report by that committee.

The rules were suspended and on a rising vote the order was passed, yeas 17, nays 0.

PARKING PRIVILEGES IN FRANKLIN PARK.

Coun. COOK offered the following:

Ordered, That the Park Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to establish parking privileges in Franklin Park, from the Blue Hill avenue gate to the bird cage, until the present emergency due to snow and ice is over.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

SLOWING SPEED OF CARS AND BUSES.

Coun. COFFEY offered the following:

Ordered, That the members of the Metropolitan Transit Authority be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to direct all operators of cars and buses to slow down their speed as a safety measure.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

TAGGING CARS IN EAST BOSTON.

Coun. COFFEY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Police Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to direct Captain Britt of the East Boston Station to immediately cease tagging cars in East Boston.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

REINSTATEMENT OF STEWART WHELPLEY, JR.

Coun. COFFEY offered the following:

Resolved, That the Boston City Council favor the enactment of legislation for reinstatement in the Police Department of Stewart Whelpley, Jr., provided such legislation contains a referendum to the Mayor and City Council.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

LEASING OF CUDWORTH SCHOOL, EAST BOSTON.

Coun. COFFEY offered the following:
Ordered, That the School Committee be authorized to lease to the Major P. J. Grady Camp, No. 3, United Spanish War Veterans, the Cudworth School, Gove street, corner of Paris street, East Boston, upon such terms and conditions as may be set forth by said committee.
Passed under suspension of the rules.

INCREASED PENSIONS FOR TEACHERS.

President HANNON offered the following:
Resolved, That the City Council of Boston hereby favors the enactment of legislation to provide that the pensions of teachers under the provisions of the Boston School Teachers Permanent Pension be increased from $900 to $1,200 a year, provided that such legislation includes a referendum to the Mayor and City Council.
Passed under suspension of the rules.

GAS INSPECTION UNIT.

President HANNON offered the following:
Ordered, That the City Council Committee on Public Safety be requested to investigate the necessity of establishing a gas detection unit to forestall any future manhole explosions.
Referred to the Committee on Public Safety.

ALLOCATION OF MONEYS FROM STATE GASOLINE TAX.

Coun. RAMSEY offered the following:
Resolved, That the members of the Boston City Council, in meeting assembled, urge the allocation of moneys from the income of state gasoline taxes in proportion to the population of the cities and towns in the Commonwealth.
Passed under suspension of the rules.

Coun. BRYAN in the chair.

LOAN ORDER FOR HOUSING DEVELOPMENT, CATHEDRAL SITE.

Coun. LINEHAN and HURLEY offered the following:
Ordered, That under the provisions of General Laws, chapter 121, section 26cc, the sum of three million dollars ($3,000,000) be, and the same hereby is, appropriated, to be loaned to the Boston Housing Authority for the construction of a low-income housing development on the so-called Cathedral site, in cooperation with the Public Housing Administration of the Federal Government under the terms of the so-called McCarthy Act (Public Law 301, Eightieth Congress), and that the City Treasurer be, and hereby is, authorized to issue from time to time upon request of the Mayor, bonds, notes or certificates of indebtedness of the City of Boston to said amount.
The Chair referred the order to the Committee on Finance but later the order was withdrawn from the committee, there being no objection. The rules were suspended and the order was given its first reading and passage, yeas 17, nays 0:
Yeas—Councilors Ansel, Beades, Bryan, Cantwell, Chase, Coffey, Cook, Hannon, Hurley, Keenan, Kinsella, Linehan, McCormack, Ramsey, Shanley, Sullivan, Yerxa—17.
Nays—0.
The order will take its second reading and passage in not less than 14 days.

LOAN ORDER FOR SOUTH BOSTON HOUSING DEVELOPMENT.

Coun. LINEHAN and WENZLER offered the following:
Ordered, That under the provisions of General Laws, chapter 121, section 26cc, the sum of four million dollars ($4,000,000) be, and the same hereby is, appropriated, to be loaned to the Boston Housing Authority for the construction of a low-income housing development on the so-called South Boston site, in cooperation with the Public Housing Administration of the Federal Government under the terms of the so-called McCarthy Act (Public Law 301, Eightieth Congress), and that the City Treasurer be, and hereby is, authorized to issue from time to time upon request of the Mayor, bonds, notes, or certificates or indebtedness of the City of Boston to said amount.
The rules were suspended and the order was given its first reading and passage, yeas 16, nays 0:
Yeas—Councilors Ansel, Beades, Bryan, Cantwell, Chase, Coffey, Cook, Hannon, Keenan, Kinsella, Linehan, McCormack, Ramsey, Shanley, Sullivan, Yerxa—16.
Nays—0.
The order will take its second reading and passage in not less than 14 days.

COLLECTION OF ASHES AND GARBAGE IN SOUTH BOSTON.

Coun. WENZLER offered the following:
Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to compel the contractor for the South Boston district to make the specified number of collections of ashes and garbage as provided for in the terms of his contract.
Passed under suspension of the rules.

TRAFFIC LIGHTS AT ANDREW AND EDWARD EVERETT SQUARES.

Coun. LINEHAN offered the following:
Whereas, Terrible bottlenecks in automobile traffic exist at Edward Everett square and Andrew square in Ward 7, and also attending danger to pedestrians; therefore be it
Ordered, That the Traffic Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to install traffic lights at Andrew and Edward Everett squares, Ward 7.
Passed under suspension of the rules.

TAXING OF PUBLIC UTILITY COMPANY SURPLUS PROFITS.

Coun. KEENAN offered the following:
Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to confer with his Excellency the Governor for the purpose of exercising the power of the State Government to tax the tremendous surplus profits of public utility companies so that this income might be properly returned to the communities in the state instead of paid to the Federal Government as excess profit taxes.
Passed under suspension of the rules.

OPPOSITION TO LIFE TENURE FOR CHAIRMAN OF ASSESSING BOARD.

Coun. CHASE offered the following:
Resolved, That the Boston City Council in regular meeting assembled hereby records itself in opposition to the bill now pending before the Legislature to give life tenure to the chairman of the Boston Board of Assessors; and be it further
Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be sent to both branches of the Massachusetts Legislature.
Coun. SULLIVAN moved that the matter be referred to the Committee on Rules. The Chair doubted the voice vote, and asked for a standing vote. The resolution was referred to the Committee on Rules, yeas 9, nays 3.

CLEARING OF CROSSWALKS, CATCH-BASINS, ETC.

Coun. SULLIVAN offered the following:
Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be directed, through his Honor the Mayor, to live up to his agreement with the members of the Boston City Council which was made in Executive Session on January 26, 1948, at which time he promised to put a laboring force to work

after their regular work day cleaning up crosswalks, catch-basins and hydrants; and be it further

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be directed, through his Honor the Mayor, to remove the obstacle courses of snow and ice on all the crosswalks in Ward 9.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

LIST OF MATTERS PENDING IN CERTAIN COMMITTEES.

Coun. SULLIVAN offered the following:

Ordered, That irrespective of any prior directive, the Clerk of Committees prepare and distribute to each member of the Council on each day of a City Council meeting a list of all matters pending in the following committees: Appropriations, Finance, Licenses, Ordinances, Public Lands.

On motion of Councilor Hurley the order was referred to the Committee on Rules. Councilor Sullivan moved reconsideration, but the motion was lost.

COPIES OF REVISED ORDINANCES OF 1947 FOR PATROLMEN.

Coun. BEADES offered the following:

Ordered, That the Police Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to arrange for the purchase of a sufficient number of copies of the Revised Ordinances of 1947 in order to present one to every patrolman in the Police Department.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

PRESERVATION OF CERTAIN DWELLINGS IN AREA TAKEN FOR VETERANS' HOSPITAL.

Coun. SULLIVAN, for Councilor Carey, offered the following:

Whereas, The Veterans Administration proposes to construct a new veterans' hospital in the Heath street–South Huntington avenue section of Roxbury, Massachusetts; and

Whereas, It is thoroughly agreed by the residents in that area that there is a great need for the hospitalization of veterans; and

Whereas, The present plans for the construction of the proposed hospital call for the taking of several houses in that area which are occupied by approximately twenty-one families, many of whose members are themselves veterans; and

Whereas, The area of the land on which these houses are located is an infinitesimal part of the total area intended to be used for the hospital and could well be left out of the plans without any great harm resulting; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs in Washington be petitioned to leave the area on which these houses are located out of the plans for the construction of the hospital so that these hard-working, law-abiding citizens may be able to retain the homes in which their life savings are invested and to remain as residents in that area; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be sent to each member of Congress from Massachusetts.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

SURVEY TO REPLACE GAS LAMPS WITH ELECTRICITY.

Coun. SHANLEY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to make a survey for the purpose of replacing all street gas lamps with electric lights and to proceed without delay with replacements wherever necessary.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

LINCOLN STREET AS ONE-WAY STREET.

Coun. SHANLEY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Traffic Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to make Lincoln street, Brighton, one way, going from the Leo M. Birmingham Highway to east Cambridge street.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

LOTHROP STREET AS ONE-WAY STREET.

Coun. SHANLEY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Traffic Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to make Lothrop street, Brighton, one way, going from Portsmouth street to the Leo M. Birmingham Highway.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

BUDGET HEARINGS.

Coun. BRYAN, Chairman of the Committee on Appropriations, announced that hearings on the budget would start Tuesday, February 10, at 10 a. m.

Adjourned, on motion of Councilor Keenan, at 4.14 p. m., to meet on Monday, February 16, 1948.

Note: All debate of City Council eliminated from proceedings in accordance with Chapter 447, Acts of 1947.

(Stenographic copy of such debate on file in office of City Clerk.)

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of City Council.

Monday, February 16, 1948.

Regular meeting of the City Council held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 2 p. m., President HANNON in the chair. Absent, Councilor Sullivan.

The meeting was opened with the salute to the Flag.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR.

Subject to confirmation by the Council, the Mayor submitted the following:

Thomas Francis McArdle, 250 Gallivan Boulevard, Dorchester, Mass., as Constable, for term ending April 30, 1948, authorized to serve civil process upon filing of bond.

Thomas E. White, 499 Huntington avenue, Boston, Mass., as Weigher of Goods, for term ending April 30, 1948.

Severally referred to the Committee on Confirmations.

CLEANING OF CROSSWALKS, ETC., BY CITY LABORERS, AFTER HOURS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, February 16, 1948.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen,— I transmit herewith communication from the Commissioner of Public Works relative to your order of January 26, 1948, concerning allowing city laborers who so desire, to work six hours after their regular work to clean crosswalks, catch-basins and hydrants.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Public Works Department,
February 13, 1948.

J. Joseph Connors,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.

Dear Sir,— Receipt is acknowledged of your memorandum of February 11, attaching copy of Council order, dated January 26, 1948, as follows:

"Ordered, That the Public Works Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to allow those city laborers who so desire, to work six hours after their regular workday to clean crosswalks, catch-basins and hydrants."

It is not considered advisable at the present time to work city laborers over the regular eight-hour day, except in extreme emergency. It has been found from past experience that the men are usually exhausted after working eight hours a day on snow and ice, seven days a week.

This past Sunday, February 8, over 150 of the Sanitary Division forces refused the opportunity to work on overtime, due to physical exhaustion.

Respectfully,
ROBERT P. CURLEY,
Commissioner of Public Works.

Placed on file.

SURVEY OF STREET LIGHTING.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, February 16, 1948.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen,— I transmit herewith communication from the Commissioner of Public Works relative to your order of January 19, 1948, concerning the making of a survey for the purpose of replacing all street gas lamps with electric lights; obtaining an estimate of the probable cost of same, and reporting findings to his Honor the Mayor, who in turn will forward same to the City Council.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Public Works Department,
February 12, 1948.

Mr. J. Joseph Connors,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.

Dear Sir,—I return herewith order in City Council that the Commissioner of Public Works make a survey for the purpose of replacing all street gas lamps with electric lights, to obtain an estimate of the probable cost of same, and to report his findings to his Honor the Mayor who, in turn, will forward same to the City Council.

Please be advised that the Lighting Service of the Public Works Department has requested the Boston Edison Company and the Boston Consolidated Gas Company to furnish them an estimate of the cost of changing over all gas street lamps to electric type.

Very truly yours,
ROBERT P. CURLEY,
Commissioner of Public Works.

Placed on file.

ELECTRIC LIGHTS ON BRECK AVENUE, WARD 22.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, February 16, 1948.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I transmit herewith communication from the Commissioner of Public Works relative to your order of January 19, 1948, concerning the installing of electric lights on Breck avenue, Ward 22.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston
Public Works Department,
February 12, 1948.

Mr. J. Joseph Connors,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.

Dear Sir,—I return herewith order in City Council that the Commissioner of Public Works install electric lights on Breck avenue, Ward 22, and this will advise you that the Lighting Service of the Public Works Department will have a survey made of this area with a view to making the suggested change.

Very truly yours,
ROBERT P. CURLEY,
Commissioner of Public Works.

Placed on file.

ELECTRIC LIGHTING, EAST BROADWAY, SOUTH BOSTON.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, January 16, 1948.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I transmit herewith communication from the Commissioner of Public Works relative to your order of January 19, 1948, concerning replacing of obsolete gas lamps with modern arc lights on East Broadway, from L street to Farragut road, South Boston.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Public Works Department,
February 12, 1948.

Mr. J. Joseph Connors,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.

Dear Sir,—I return herewith order in City Council that the Commissioner of Public Works replace the obsolete gas lamps with modern arc lights on East Broadway, from L street to Farragut road, South Boston, and this will advise you that the Lighting Service of the Public Works Department will have a survey made of this area with a view to making the suggested change.

Very truly yours,
ROBERT P. CURLEY,
Commissioner of Public Works.

Placed on file.

COLLECTION OF ASHES AND GARBAGE, SOUTH BOSTON.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, February 16, 1948.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I transmit herewith communication from the Commissioner of Public Works relative to your order of February 9, 1948, relative to compelling the contractor for the South Boston district to make the specified number of collections of ashes and garbage as provided for in the terms of his contract.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Public Works Department,
February 13, 1948.

J. Joseph Connors,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.

Dear Sir,—Receipt is acknowledged of your memorandum of February 11, attaching copy of Council order, dated February 9, 1948, as follows:

"Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to compel the contractor for the South Boston district to make the specified number of collections of ashes and garbage as provided for in the terms of his contract."

The contractor in the South Boston district has been instructed to make regular weekly collections in his district, and at the present time he is on schedule on these collections in the district.

Respectfully,
ROBERT P. CURLEY,
Commissioner of Public Works.

Placed on file.

CLEARING OF CROSSWALKS, WARD 9.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, February 16, 1948.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I transmit herewith communication from the Commissioner of Public Works relative to your order of February 9, 1948, concerning the removing of obstacle courses of snow and ice on all the crosswalks in Ward 9.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Public Works Department,
February 13, 1948.

J. Joseph Connors,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.

Dear Sir,—Receipt is acknowledged of your memorandum of February 11, attaching copy of Council order, dated February 9, 1948, as follows:

"Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be directed, through his Honor the Mayor, to live up to his agreement with the members of the Boston City Council which was made in Executive Session on January 26, 1948, at which time he promised to put a laboring force to work, after their regular work day, cleaning up crosswalks, catch-basins and hydrants; and be it further

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be directed, through his Honor the Mayor, to remove the obstacle courses of snow and ice on all the crosswalks in Ward 9."

Orders have been issued for some time to comply with the request to clean crosswalks in Ward 9, and every effort is being directed towards this work, as well as the opening of catch-basins in the district.

Respectfully,
ROBERT P. CURLEY,
Commissioner of Public Works.

Placed on file.

ELECTRIC LIGHT, GLENCOE STREET, WARD 22.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, February 16, 1948.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I transmit herewith communication from the Commissioner of Public Works relative to your order of January 12, 1948, concerning the installing of an electric street light on Glencoe street, in Ward 22.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Public Works Department,
February 12, 1948.

Mr. J. Joseph Connors,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.

Dear Sir,—I return herewith order in City Council that the Commissioner of Public Works install an electric street light on Glencoe street, in Ward 22, and this will advise you that the Lighting Service of the Public Works Department will have a survey made of this area with a view to making the requested installation.

Very truly yours,
ROBERT P. CURLEY,
Commissioner of Public Works.

Placed on file.

ELECTRIC LIGHTING, FALKLAND STREET, WARD 22.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, February 13, 1948.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I transmit herewith communication from the Public Works Department relative to your order of February 2, 1948, concerning the replacing of gas lamps on Falkland street, Ward 22, with modern electric arc lights.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Public Works Department,
February 11, 1948.

Mr. J. Joseph Connors,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.

Dear Sir,—I return herewith order in City Council that the Commissioner of Public Works replace the present gas lamps on Falkland street, Ward 22, with modern electric arc lights, and this will advise you that the Lighting Service of the Public Works Department will have a survey made of this street with a view to making the suggested change.

Very truly yours,
ROBERT P. CURLEY,
Commissioner of Public Works.

Placed on file.

ELECTRIC LIGHT, TURNER AND WASHINGTON STREETS, WARD 22.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, February 13, 1948.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I transmit herewith communication from the Commissioner of Public Works relative to your order of February 2, 1948, concerning the installation of an electric arc light at the corner of Turner and Washington streets, Ward 22.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Public Works Department,
February 11, 1948.

Mr. J. Joseph Connors,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.

Dear Sir,—I return herewith order in City Council that the Commissioner of Public Works install an electric arc light at the corner of Turner and Washington streets, Ward 22, and this will advise you that the lighting service of the Public Works Department will have a survey made of this location with a view to improving the condition, if necessary.

Very truly yours,
ROBERT P. CURLEY,
Commissioner of Public Works.

Placed on file.

INSTALLATION OF PUBLIC ADDRESS SYSTEM, COUNCIL FLOOR.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, February 9, 1948.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I transmit herewith communication from the Superintendent of Public Buildings relative to Council order dated February 2, 1948, concerning the installation of a public address system on the Council floor.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Public Buildings Department,
February 9, 1948.

J. Joseph Connors,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.

Dear Sir,— Referring to Council order, February 2, 1948, in which Councilor Keenan's order called for the Superintendent of Public Buildings be authorized through his Honor the Mayor, to install a public address system on the Council floor.

There has been many complaints from most all the councilors that telephone calls from their constituents have not been coming through. The reason advanced by the Council attendants is that the councilor is not within hearing range of his name when telephone call is received.

I have investigated this matter and agree that the councilors have a just complaint and a public announcing set that will reach all quarters of the Council would obviate this condition.

A satisfactory announcing system that will eliminate all complaints can be installed for less than $900.

Yours truly,
JAMES E. SULLIVAN,
Superintendent of Public Buildings.

Placed on file.

RAPID TRANSIT LINE, EGLESTON SQUARE TO MATTAPAN.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, February 12, 1948.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen,— I transmit herewith communication from the Metropolitan Transit Authority relative to your order of February 2, 1948, concerning the making of a survey to determine the feasibility of constructing a rapid transit line from Egleston square to Mattapan.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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Metropolitan Transit Authority,
February 10, 1948.

Mr. J. Joseph Connors,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.

Dear Sir,— In connection with Council order of February 2, 1948, requesting the trustees of the Metropolitan Transit Authority to make a survey to determine the feasibility of constructing a rapid transit line from Egleston square to Mattapan, I would say that under the provisions of section 9 of chapter 544 of the Acts of 1947, the trustees are directed to report to the present Legislature concerning the removal of elevated structures and construction of subways in their place.

Until this matter has been surveyed under the mandate of the Legislature there is no opportunity to take up the problem of a subway to Mattapan.

Very truly yours,
EDWARD DANA,
General Manager.

Placed on file.

SALE OF LAND TO GEORGE ROBERT WHITE FUND.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, February 16, 1948.

To the Honorable City Council.

Gentlemen,—I transmit herewith an order for the transfer of approximately 2.61 acres of land within the Back Bay Fens to the City of Boston — George Robert White Fund, for the sum of $25,000.

Accompanying this order are communications from the manager of the George Robert White Fund and the chairman of the Board of Park Commissioners relative to the transfer of this land, under authority of chapter 542, Acts 1947.

The trustees of the George Robert White Fund have voted to establish in this location at a cost of approximately $300,000 a work of public utility and beauty in honor of the Boston men and women who lost their lives in the recent World War. This project on its completion will be known as the "George Robert White War Memorial Center."

The George Robert White War Memorial Center will cover a plot of ground located in the Back Bay Fens, surrounded on nearly three sides by a pond, near the Rose Garden and the athletic field. The site is of particular advantage in that it is entirely removed from commercial areas, though close to the heart of the city. In the background the Evans Memorial Wing of the Museum of Fine Arts may be seen. The setting is one of rich dignity. The pond will reflect the beauty of the central feature of the war memorial, much in the manner of such national memorials as the Thomas Jefferson and the Abraham Lincoln Memorials in Washington.

The focal point of the George Robert White War Memorial Center will include a bronze victory figure of dignity and beauty, which is placed at the base of a stone shaft that is crowned by a glass-encased eternal light shining through a cluster of 48 bronze stars symbolic of the United States. Behind the victory figure and shaft is a stone exedra or shallow arc consisting of 27 pilasters bearing a permanent record in bronze of the individual names of the 3,000 Boston men and women being memorialized. The central feature will include a rostrum in front of which will be a podium and lectern. Ample space for the accommodation of speakers, musicians, etc., will be provided for on this rostrum. The whole arrangement includes practical and useful facilities for gatherings of a patriotic nature, for large or small audiences. The entire area surrounding the central figure will be landscaped and planted with the choicest varieties of shade and flowering trees, evergreens and flowering shrubs, selected for their hardiness in this locality. Such plantings will include flowering dogwoods, magnolias, azaleas in variety, flowering crab apples and ground cover material in profusion. Leading to the central point will be walks of bluestone slabs culminating in a lawn area facing the figure. In many recessed points will be placed benches where people may sit and rest. The result will be a park-like setting of combined beauty and usefulness unsurpassed.

The George Robert White War Memorial Center is not simply a monument—it is a true living war memorial of a permanent nature, serving a useful purpose as well as being a beautiful tribute that should inspire reverence in the hearts of all who gather to do honor to a large group of noble men and women who were until recently their fellow citizens.

I recommend consideration and the passage of the enclosed order by your Honorable Body.

Respectfully yours,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Park Department, February 12, 1948.

To the Honorable Mayor and City Council.

Gentlemen,— The Board of Park Commissioners of the City of Boston are in receipt of a vote of the City of Boston–George Robert White Fund passed February 11, 1948, wherein the City of Boston–George Robert White Fund requests that the City of Boston transfer to it an area of approximately 2.61 acres of land situated within the Back Bay Fens, near Park Drive and Agassiz road, and offers to the City of Boston the sum of $25,000 as the fair cash value of said land.

The City of Boston–George Robert White Fund has selected this parcel of land as a site for the establishment of a war memorial center by said fund.

The Board of Park Commissioners of the City of Boston on February 12, 1948, voted that this Board recommends that the request and offer of the City of Boston–George Robert White Fund be accepted and further recommends that the selected area of land be transferred to the City of Boston–George Robert White Fund for the sum of $25,000, the fair cash value thereof.

Very truly yours,
BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS,
JOHN J. MURPHY, Chairman.

City of Boston,
George Robert White Fund.

To the Honorable Mayor and City Council.

Gentlemen,— The City of Boston–George Robert White Fund acting by and through the trustees designated in the fourteenth clause of the will of George Robert White and having the control and management of said fund on February 11, 1948, passed the following vote:

Voted, That for the purpose of the establishment of a war memorial by the City of Boston–George Robert White Fund, the trustees have selected a site containing approximately two and sixty-one hundredths (2.61) acres of land situated in the Back Bay Fens, near Park Drive and Agassiz road.

The City of Boston–George Robert White Fund requests that the City of Boston transfer said land to the City of Boston–George Robert White Fund.

The City of Boston–George Robert White Fund offers to the City of Boston the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars ($25,000) as the fair cash value of said land.

The Manager of the City of Boston–George Robert White Fund is directed to communicate this request and offer to the Mayor and City Council and to the Board of Park Commissioners of the City of Boston.

Very truly yours,
James J. McCarthy, Manager.

Whereas, The City of Boston owns in fee the Back Bay Fens, a public park containing an area of approximately 116.99 acres; and

Whereas, The City of Boston–George Robert White Fund has selected within the Back Bay Fens an area of approximately 2.61 acres as a site for the establishment of a war memorial center by the George Robert White Fund and has requested that the said parcel of land be transferred by the City of Boston to the City of Boston–George Robert White Fund, and has offered to the City of Boston the sum of $25,000, as the fair cash value of said land; and

Whereas, The Board of Park Commissioners of the City of Boston recommends that the request and offer of the City of Boston–George Robert White Fund be accepted and that the selected parcel of land be transferred to the City of Boston–George Robert White Fund for the sum of $25,000, the fair cash value of said land; now therefore it is hereby

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor of the City of Boston be, and he hereby is, authorized, in the name and behalf of the City of Boston, to transfer to the City of Boston–George Robert White Fund by an instrument in writing satisfactory in form to the Law Department of the City of Boston a parcel of land within the Back Bay Fens containing approximately 2.61 acres for the purpose of the establishment of a war memorial center on said land by the George Robert White Fund and upon the consideration of the payment to the City of Boston by the George Robert White Fund of the sum of $25,000, the fair cash value of said land. The parcel of land to be transferred is shown on a plan marked "Land in Back Bay Fens Belonging to City of Boston, Park Department." "City of Boston, Park Drive, Agassiz Road, Boston Proper, January 16, 1948, Thomas F. McGovern, Chief Engineer, Street Laying-Out Department." The original of said plan is on file in the office of the Street Laying-Out Department, City Hall, Boston.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

ACCEPTANCE OF BEECHCROFT AND BROCK STREETS, WARD 22.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, February 13, 1948.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen,— I transmit herewith communication from the Board of Street Commissioners relative to your order of January 26, 1948, concerning the accepting and laying out of Beechcroft street, from Hester to Washington street, and Brock street, from Oakland to Washington street, Ward 22.

Respectfully,
James M. Curley, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Street Laying-Out Department,
February 12, 1948.

J. Joseph Connors,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.

Dear Sir,— In connection with the City Council order passed January 26, 1948, as follows:

"Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out the following-named streets in Ward 22 as public highways: Beechcroft street, from Hester to Washington street, Brock street, from Oakland to Washington street."

I beg to advise that surveys of both streets will be started as soon as weather conditions permit and plans will be prepared as soon as surveys are completed preparatory to accepting and laying out the same.

Very truly yours,
Charles E. Manion, Chairman.

Placed on file.

RESIGNATION OF JOHN FOX.

The resignation of John Fox, member of Board of Sinking Funds Commission, was received.

Placed on file.

APPOINTMENT OF PAUL F. CLARK.

Notice was received from the Mayor of appointment of Paul F. Clark, as member of Board of Commissioners of Sinking Funds, for term ending in 1950, *vice* John Fox, resigned.

Placed on file.

TRACKS LOCATIONS.

Notice was received from the Department of Public Utilities of approval of petition of Metropolitan Transit Authority for construction, maintenance and use of, alteration of and addition to existing locations for railway tracks at Neponset avenue and Gallivan Boulevard, Dorchester.

NOTICE OF HEARING.

Notice was received from the State Department of Public Works of hearing to be held February 26, at 10 a. m., on matter of laying out state highway in East Boston on new location.

Placed on file.

PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received and referred to the committee named, viz.:

Claims.

John A. Allgaier, to be reimbursed as result of accident which occurred while in performance of duty.

Barbara V. Ardini, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at River and Harvard streets, Hyde Park.

David C. Bachini, for compensation for damage to car by fire apparatus.

John J. Bogue, to be reimbursed as result of accident which occurred while in performance of duty.

George E. Carroll, for compensation for damage to car by car of Transit Department.

John J. Cavanaugh, to be reimbursed for execution issued against him.

George Fortenakes, for compensation for damage to car caused by an alleged defect in Sumner Tunnel.

Vincent J. Iannello, to be reimbursed as result of accident which occurred while in performance of duty.

Coleman M. Joyce, to be reimbursed for execution issued against him.

Cornelius Keane, for refund on sign permit.

Max Krinsky, for compensation for damage to car by fire truck.

Fortunata J. LaPorta, for compensation for damage to car by snowplow.

Joseph F. LeBlanc, for compensation for injuries caused by city car.

Herbert Mescon, M. D., for compensation for damage to property at Boston City Hospital.

Clarence R. MacLeod, for compensation for damage to car caused by being sprayed with paint while driving through Sumner Tunnel.

Claire A. Miller, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at Monadnock and Dudley streets.

P. Mulleague, for compensation for damage to car caused by an alleged defect in Sumner Tunnel.
Norwood Laundry Company, for compensation for damage to truck hy snowplow.
Frank T. Pedonti, for compensation for damage to car by city truck.
Arnold Porter, M. D., for compensation for damage to car by fire apparatus.
John J. Ridge, to he reimbursed for overcoat damaged by fire.
Salverio Rimini, for compensation for damage to car by city truck.
Marion Riordan, for compensation for injuries and damage to clothing caused by an allegcd defect in Mason street.
Carmelo C. Saladino, for compensation for damage to car by city car.
John C. Shea, for compensation for damage to car caused by being sprayed with paint while driving through Sumner Tunnel.
William Wong, for compensation for damage to car caused by an alleged defect at 600 Huntington avenue.
Young & Co., Inc., for compensation for damage to property at Faneull Hall Market caused hy defective sprinkler system.
A. DaPrato Company, for compensation for damage to property at 33 and 35 South Eden street, caused by broken water main.
James V. DiBello, to be reimbursed for execution issued against him.
Loretta Matson, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at 539 River street.
James F. Sullivan, to be reimbursed as result of accident which occurred while in performance of duty.

PETITION OF JAMES A. CUNNIFF FOR RETIREMENT.

Coun. SHANLEY offered the following:
Whereas, James A. Cunniff, employed in the service of the County of Suffolk, as court officer in the Charlestown Municipal Court, has made application to be retired under the provisions of chapter 678 of the Acts of 1945; and
Whereas, The said James A. Cunniff has submitted to the City Council satisfactory evidence that he is a veteran as defined in section 56 of chapter 32 of the General Laws; that he has been certified for retirement for disahility hy the duly authorized medical panel; that he has been in the service of the county at least ten years and has reached the age of fifty; that he is incapacitated for active service; and that his total income from all sources, exclusive of his retirement allowance and of any sum received from the government of the United States as a pension for war service, does not exceed five hundred dollars; it is hereby
Ordered, That under the provisions of section 56 of chapter 32 of the General Laws, as amended by chapter 514 of the Acts of 1943, James A. Cunniff, employed in the County of Suffolk as court officer in the Charlestown Municipal Court, be, and hereby is, retired by the Mayor and City Council, acting as county commissioners, at an annual pension of fourteen hundred and fifty dollars, being one half of his highest regular rate of compensation.
Referred to the Committee on County Accounts.

SALE OF LAND ON COMMONWEALTH AVENUE.

Under unfinished business, the Council took up No. 1 on the calendar, viz.:
1. Order for sale of land on Commonwealth avenue to the Roman Catholic Archhishop of Boston. On February 2, 1948, the foregoing order was read once and passed, yeas 15, nays 0.
The order was given its second reading and passage, years 15, nays 0:
Yeas—Councilors Ansel, Beades, Bryan, Cantwell, Carey, Coffey, Hannon, Hurley, Keenan, Kinsella, Lane, Linehan, Ramsey, Shanley, Yerxa—15.
Nays—0.

RECESS.

President HANNON declared a recess at 2.16 p. m., for the purpose of going into executive session. The memhers reassembled and were called to order by President HANNON at 3 05 p. m.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON COUNTY ACCOUNTS.

Coun. SHANLEY, for the Committee on County Accounts, suhmitted the following:
Report on application for retirement and order of James A. Cunniff, court officer in Charlestown Municipal Court (referred today)—recommending that said order be passed.
The report was accepted, and the order was passed.

ELECTRIC LIGHT ON HENSHAW STREET, WARD 22.

Coun. SHANLEY offered thc following:
Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works he requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to install an electric light on Henshaw street, hetween Bentley and Market streets, Ward 22.
Passed under suspension of the rules.

USE OF BENNETT SCHOOL AND ANNEX FOR VETERANS' HOUSING.

Coun. SHANLEY offered the following·
Whereas, The Bennett School and annex are no longer used for school purposes; therefore be it
Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor request the Boston Housing Authority to consider the advisability of renovating and converting the Bennett School and the Bennett School Annex to multi-dwelling units for housing veterans of World War II and their families, pursuant to chapter 372 of the Acts of 1946 as amended.
Passed under suspension of the rules.

INCREASED PAY TO POLICE OFFICERS WHEN SUBSTITUTING IN HIGHER POSITIONS.

Coun. WENZLER offered the following:
Ordered, That the Police Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to compensate any officer of the Police Department of the City of Boston while performing duty in any rank above his classified rank according to the salary for the rank in which he is acting.
Passed under suspension of the rules.

TRAFFIC SIGNALS, D STREET AND BROADWAY.

Coun. WENZLER offered the following:
Ordered, That the Traffic Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to install automatic traffic signals at the corner of D street and Broadway, Ward 6.
Passed under suspension of the rules.

L STREET AS THROUGH WAY.

Coun. WENZLER offered the following:
Ordered, That the Traffic Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to make L street, from Columhia road to First street, a through way, with a speed limit of fifteen miles per hour for motor vehicles; and he it further
Ordered, That "Stop" signs he placed on all streets that tross L street.
Passed under suspension of the rules.

STATE APPROPRIATION FOR REPAIR OF BOSTON STREETS.

Coun. BEADES offered the following:
Whereas, The State Highway Fund is obtained mainly from the gasoline tax and money received from the registration of motor vehicles; and
Whereas, Residents of the City of Boston are the largest single contributors to this fund; therefore he it
Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor request his Excellency Rohert F. Bradford to send a special message to the General Court now assemhled, asking that Honorable Body, due to the present emergency, to appropriate four million dollars to he used by the City of Boston for the repair of its streets.
Passed under suspension of the rules.

REPLACING STREET GAS LAMPS WITH ELECTRICITY IN SOUTH BOSTON.

Coun. WENZLER and LINEHAN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to replace all street gas lamps in the South Boston district with modern electric lights.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONFIRMATIONS.

Coun. ANSEL, for the Committee on Confirmations, submitted the following:

Report on appointment (referred February 9) of Henry J. Quigley, 113 State street, as Weigher of Goods, for term ending April 30, 1948—recommending confirmation of appointment.

The report was accepted, and the question came on confirmation. Committee, Councilors Shanley and Tracy. Whole number of ballots 15, nays 0, and the appointment was confirmed.

DIVISION OF SUFFOLK COUNTY EXPENSES.

Coun. KEENAN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Corporation Counsel be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to draft a bill for presentation to the present session of the Legislature which will require Chelsea, Revere, and Winthrop to pay their proportionate share of the expenses of Suffolk County.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

REPLACING STREET GAS LAMPS WITH ELECTRICITY IN WARD 15.

Coun. RAMSEY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to replace all street gas lamps in Ward 15 with modern electric lights.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

ONE-WAY STREETS IN EAST BOSTON, ETC.

Coun. COFFEY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Traffic Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to make a number of the streets in East Boston one way with parking on one side for the convenience of persons not able to find garage space.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

USE OF CITY-OWNED LAND IN EAST BOSTON FOR PARKING.

Coun. COFFEY offered the following:

Ordered, That all department heads having jurisdiction over any city-owned land in East Boston be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to place such land at the disposal of motorists who are unable to find garage space during the present emergency.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

COMMENDATION OF COMMISSIONER MAXWELL B. GROSSMAN.

Coun. HANNON, COOK and YERXA offered the following:

Whereas, Maxwell B. Grossman, Penal Institutions Commissioner of the City of Boston, has through his generosity, foresight and good will, established and improved the chapels at Deer Island so that people of all faiths may worship in an atmosphere of religious dignity and piety, and

Whereas, Maxwell B. Grossman has, by his interest and influence, encouraged worship for all those under his supervision; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Boston City Council, in meeting assembled, hereby expresses to Maxwell B. Grossman its sincere thanks and the sincere thanks of the inhabitants of the City of Boston for his generosity and thoughtfulness; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of the above resolution, suitably engraved and inscribed, be presented to Maxwell B. Grossmann.

The resolution was adopted under the suspension of the rules.

PLAN FOR CONSTRUCTION BY WHITE FUND TRUSTEES.

Coun. CHASE offered the following:

Ordered, That the George Robert White Fund Trustees be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to not spend funds on the preparation of architect's plans, at large fees, unless sure of following out the plans by constructing in accordance with them.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

REPORTS BY POLICE ON ALL STREET LIGHTS NOT OPERATING.

Coun. CAREY offered the following:

Ordered, That all division captains be requested by Police Commissioner Sullivan, through his Honor the Mayor, to instruct all uniformed men in the various station houses to immediately notify the Street Lighting Service of the city relative to all gas lamps and electric lamps which are observed to be not operating.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC LANDS

Coun. TRACY, for the Committee on Public Lands, submitted the following:

Report on message of Mayor and order (referred February 2) for sale of land on Heath and Cranford streets to United States of America, Veterans' Administration, for veterans' hospital—that same ought to pass.

The report was accepted, and the order was given its second reading and passage, yeas 18, nays 0:

Yeas—Councilors Ansel, Beades, Bryan, Cantwell, Carey, Chase, Coffey, Cook, Hannon, Hurley, Keenan, Lane, Linehan, McCormack, Ramsey, Shanley, Tracy, Yerxa—18.

Nays—0.

EXTENSION OF MILDRED AVENUE, WARD 18.

Coun. CANTWELL offered the following:

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to extend Mildred avenue, Ward 18, to Norfolk street.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

USE OF VACANT CITY-OWNED LAND IN BRIGHTON FOR PARKING.

Coun. SHANLEY and LANE offered the following:

Ordered, That all department heads having jurisdiction over any city-owned vacant land in Brighton, Ward 21 and Ward 22, be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to place such land at the disposal of motorists who are unable to find garage space during the present emergency.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

MAKING OF ONE-WAY STREETS IN BRIGHTON.

Coun. SHANLEY and LANE offered the following:

Ordered, That the Traffic Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to make a number of the streets in Brighton, Ward 21 and Ward 22, one way with parking on one side for the convenience of persons not able to find garage space.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

Adjourned, on motion of Councilor Beades, at 4.50 p. m., to meet on Monday, March 1, 1948, at 2 p. m.

Note: All debate of City Council eliminated from proceedings in accordance with Chapter 447, Acts of 1947.

(Stenographic copy of such debate on file in office of City Clerk.)

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of City Council.

Monday, March 1, 1948.

Regular meeting of the City Council held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 2 p. m., President HANNON in the chair. Absent, Councilor Hurley.

The meeting was opened with the salute to the Flag.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR.

Subject to confirmation by the Council the Mayor submitted the following appointments:

Barney Rubin, 318 Blue Hill avenue, Roxbury, as Constable, without power to serve civil process, and to serve without bond, for term ending April 30, 1948.

Biagio Carabello, 608 Main street, Medford, as Weigher of Goods, for term ending April 30, 1948.

Severally referred to Committee on Confirmations.

USE OF LAND ON FROST AVENUE AS PUBLIC WAY.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, February 18, 1948.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I transmit herewith communication from the Chairman of the Board of Real Estate Commissioners relative to your order of January 12, 1948, concerning the transferring to the custody of the Board of Street Commissioners, the land located on Frost avenue, Ward 16, known as lot 4, consisting of 305 square feet of land, which was taken under tax title proceedings, for acceptance as a public way.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Board of Real Estate Commissioners,
February 18, 1948.

Mr. J. Joseph Conners,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.

Dear Sir,—I am in receipt of your letter of January 22, 1948, with the enclosure of an order filed by Councilor Beades requesting that the Board of Real Estate Commissioners transfer to the custody of the Board of Street Commissioners land located on Frost avenue, Ward 16, known as lot 4, consisting of 305 square feet of land, which was taken under tax title proceedings, for acceptance as a public way.

I beg to inform you that I have communicated with the Street Commissioners, and upon receiving a request from them that they will use the land for the purpose set forth on the councilor's order, I would be pleased to present it before the Board of Real Estate Commissioners for a vote to transfer the said property to the Street Commissioners for public use.

Sincerely yours,
IRVING LEWIS, Chairman.

Placed on file.

TRAFFIC LIGHTS, DIMOCK STREET AND COLUMBUS AVENUE, WARD 11.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, February 19, 1948.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I transmit herewith communication from the Traffic Commissioner relative to your order dated February 2, 1948, concerning the installing of push button traffic lights at the intersection of Dimock street and Columbus avenue, Ward 11.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Traffic Commission, February 17, 1948.

Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Sir,—In reply to Council order of February 2, 1948, requesting the Boston Traffic Commission to install push button traffic lights at the intersection of Dimock street and Columbus avenue, I respectfully recommend that no action be taken on this matter.

Columbus avenue, from Jackson square to Egleston square, was recently reconstructed and a divisional island set up in the middle of the roadway.

I believe that the erection of a push button signal would greatly impede the flow of traffic.

Respectfully,
LEO F. CURLEY, Commissioner.

Placed on file.

SLOWING DOWN OF CARS AND BUSES.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, February 19, 1948.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I transmit herewith communication from the Metropolitan Transit Authority relative to your order of February 9, 1948, concerning the slowing down of cars and buses as a safety measure.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Metropolitan Transit Authority,
February 17, 1948.

Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Mr. Mayor,—I am in receipt of memorandum from your office dated February 11, 1948, enclosing order of the Boston City Council, dated February 9, "That the Members of the Metropolitan Transit Authority be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to direct all operators of cars and buses to slow down their speed as a safety measure."

This Authority has specific rules with which all operators are familiar concerning the operation and speeds of all types of vehicles. In addition, we have a corps of trained instructors whose duties involve a constant check on all operators with relation to safety of operation and conformance with traffic regulations. It is the duty of these instructors to reinstruct operators who may be found to violate any of the Authority's rules with relation to the operation of transit vehicles.

Very truly yours,
EDWARD DANA,
General Manager.

Placed on file.

LEASE OF FIREHOUSE, DORCHESTER LOWER MILLS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, February 16, 1948.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I transmit herewith communication from the Fire Commissioner relative to your order of January 26, 1948, concerning the leasing or renting to the Dorchester Lower Mills, Memorial Post 8699, Veterans of Foreign Wars, the quarters now unoccupied in the firehouse at the corner of Temple and River streets, Dorchester Lower Mills.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Fire Department, February 13, 1948.

Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Mr. Mayor,—I acknowledge receipt of a City Council order requesting the Fire Commissioner, through his Honor the Mayor, to lease or rent to the Dorchester Lower Mills, Memorial Post 8699, Veterans of Foreign Wars, the quarters now unoccupied in the firehouse at the corner of Temple and River streets, Dorchester Lower Mills.

With your Honor's permission, I am glad to comply with this request inasmuch as the Fire Department will have no further use for the unoccupied quarters in the firehouse in which Engine Company 16 is stationed.

It is my recommendation that the space be leased to the post at a rental rate sufficient to pay the city for the estimated cost of heating the premises inasmuch as there is only one central heating unit for the entire building.

If advisable an electric light meter could be installed so that the post could pay the Boston Edison Company direct for light consumed.

If your Honor concurs with the above recommendation, I shall request the Law Department to draw up a lease between the City of Boston and the post, to include special covenants pertaining to light and heat charges.

Respectfully yours,
RUSSELL S. CODMAN, JR.,
Fire Commissioner.

Placed on file.

WAITING STATION, SOUTH BOSTON, FOR SANITARY DIVISION.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, February 17, 1948.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I transmit herewith communication from the Commissioner of Public Works relative to your order of January 12, 1948, concerning the establishment of sanitary headquarters at or near I street and East Second street, South Boston, for the purpose of having a waiting station for men employed in the Sanitary Division in South Boston.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Public Works Department,
February 16, 1948.

Mr. J. Joseph Connors,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.

Dear Sir,—Receipt is acknowledged of your memorandum of February 11, attaching copy of Council order, dated January 12, 1948, as follows:

"Ordered, That the Public Works Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to make provisions for a sanitary headquarters at or near I and East Second streets, South Boston, for the purpose of having a waiting station for men employed in the Sanitary Division in South Boston."

The Sanitary Division of the Public Works Department does not have property in the South Boston district at which to establish a waiting station, as requested by Councilor Wenzler. At the present time, the men wait for the equipment at the Health Unit, on Dorchester street, on noon hours.

Very truly yours,
ROBERT P. CURLEY,
Commissioner of Public Works.

Placed on file.

REPLACING OF GAS LAMPS, LINCOLN STREET, WARD 22.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, February 27, 1948.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I transmit herewith communication from the Commissioner of Public Works relative to your order of January 26, 1948, concerning the replacing of antiquated gas lamps on Lincoln street, Ward 22, with modern electric arc lamps.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Public Works Department,
February 27, 1948.

Mr. J. Joseph Connors,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.

Dear Sir,—I return herewith order in City Council that the Commissioner of Public Works replace the antiquated gas lamps on Lincoln street, Ward 22, with modern electric arc lamps, and this will advise you that the Lighting Service of the Public Works Department will have a survey made of this area with a view to making the suggested changes.

Very truly yours,
ROBERT P. CURLEY,
Commissioner of Public Works.

Placed on file.

CLEANING OF CATCH-BASINS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, February 16, 1948.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I transmit herewith communication from the Commissioner of Public Works relative to your order of January 26, 1948, concerning the cleaning of all the city's catch-basins, and especially those in the Ward 14 section.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Public Works Department,
February 16, 1948.

Mr J. Joseph Connors,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.

Dear Sir,—In regard to City Council order dated January 26, 1948, requesting the cleaning of all catch-basins in the city, we believe that this has reference to clearing snow and ice from the tops of catch-basins so that melting ice and snow can reach the basins.

This work started about January 20, 1948. At the present time the combined labor force of the Public Works Department is engaged in clearing ice and snow from more than 22,000 catch-basins. Due to adverse conditions the progress is slow but the work is being carried out in a systematic manner.

Very truly yours,
ROBERT P. CURLEY,
Commissioner of Public Works.

Placed on file.

REPLACING GAS LAMPS WITH ELECTRIC STREET LIGHTS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, February 27, 1948.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I transmit herewith communication from the Commissioner of Public Works relative to your order of February 9, 1948, concerning the replacing of all street gas lamps with electric lights wherever necessary.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Public Works Department,
February 27, 1948.

Mr. J. Joseph Connors,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.

Dear Sir,—I return herewith order in City Council that the Commissioner of Public Works make a survey for the purpose of replacing all street gas lamps with electric lights and to proceed without delay with replacements wherever necessary, and this will advise you that the Lighting Service of the Public Works Department has requested the Boston Edison Company to make a survey relative to this matter.

Very truly yours,
ROBERT P. CURLEY,
Commissioner of Public Works.

Placed on file.

ERECTION OF FENCE BY NEW YORK, NEW HAVEN & HARTFORD RAILROAD.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, February 19, 1948.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I transmit herewith communication from the Law Department, together with plan, relative to your order of February 2, 1948, concerning the erection of a fence along the Midland Division of the New Haven Railroad, particularly in the vicinity of Uphams Corner Station.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Law Department, February 18, 1948.

Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Mr. Mayor,—On February 4, 1948, you transmited to me the following order passed by the City Council on February 2, 1948:

"Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to direct the Law Department to confer with the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad and the Department of Public Utilities relative to the erection of a fence along the Midland Division of the New Haven Railroad, particularly in the vicinity of Uphams Corner Station."

Shortly after the receipt of your communication this department wrote Edmund J. Moore, Esq., counsel and attorney for the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad Company, concerning the matter. In reply, Mr. Moore sent us the enclosed plan, stating that "in the coming spring chain link fencing will be erected at the locations shown in red."

Under the circumstances, no further action by this department at the present time would appear to be warranted.

Yours very truly,
JOSEPH A. SCOLPONETI,
Corporation Counsel.

Placed on file.

REPAIRS TO WALWORTH STREET BRIDGE.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, March 1, 1948.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I am in receipt of a communication from the Commissioner of Public Works in which he calls attention to the necessity for repairs to the Walworth street Bridge. This bridge crosses the tracks of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad at Walworth street in the West Roxbury district of the City of Boston.

In order that this bridge may be repaired to insure the safety of the public, it is necessary for the City of Boston to apply to the Department of Public Utilities for a hearing relative to this subject matter.

I am therefore submitting herewith an order providing that the Corporation Counsel of the city apply for such hearing, and I respectfully recommend the adoption of the order by your Honorable Body.

JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Public Works Department,
February 19, 1948.

Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Mr. Mayor,—The Walworth Street Bridge, a public highway in the West Roxbury district of Boston, which crosses the tracks of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad Company, is in need of alterations and repairs to insure the safety of the public.

In order to have proper repairs made on this bridge, it is necessary that a petition be filed with the Department of Public Utilities and a hearing had relative to this subject matter.

I respectfully recommend, therefore, that the enclosed order be transmitted to the City Council for the approval of that Body, as it will be necessary for the Corporation Counsel to secure such an approval before instituting proceedings with the Department of Public Utilities.

Respectfully yours,
ROBERT P. CURLEY,
Commissioner of Public Works.

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Whereas, In the opinion of this Council it is necessary for the security and convenience of the public that Walworth Street Bridge, carrying Walworth street, a public way, over and across the railroad of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad Company, be altered and structural changes and repairs be made thereto; now therefore it is hereby

Ordered, That the Corporation Counsel of the City of Boston be instructed to apply to the Department of Public Utilities of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for said department to take action in regard to such alterations, structural changes and repairs in said Walworth Street Bridge, under the provisions of chapter one hundred and fifty-nine and chapter one hundred and sixty of the General Laws, as most recently amended, and under any other appropriate statutory provisions.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

APPROPRIATION FROM CEMETERY FUND INCOME.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, March 1, 1948.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—In the preparation of the 1948 budget provision was made, as in previous years, that $60,000 of the maintenance expenses of the Cemetery Division of the Park Department should be charged against income of the Cemetery Fund. Before this income can be utilized, it is necessary that an appropriation be made.

I accordingly submit herewith, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 117 of the Acts of 1913, an order providing for the appropriation from the income of the Cemetery Fund in the sum of $60,000, the same to be utilized in meeting maintenance expenses of the Cemetery Division, and respectfully recommend adoption by your Honorable Body.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Park Department, February 18, 1948.

Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Mr. Mayor,—By vote of the Board of Park Commissioners on February 17, 1948, you are respectfully asked to issue an order on the City Council that the sum of $60,000 be appropriated from the income of the General Cemetery Fund—to be expended under the direction of the Park Commssion for Cemetery Division maintenance and improvement.

This sum may be appropriated under the provisions of chapter 117 of the Acts of 1913.

When making up the budget estimates of the Cemetery Division for the year 1948 it was indicated that the amount of $60,000 could be deducted from the A-1 item (Permanent Employees), if permission was given to use $60,000 for maintenance and improvement of our cemeteries from the General Cemetery Fund.

Respectfully yours,
JOHN J. MURPHY, Chairman,

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Ordered, That under the provisions of chapter 117, Acts of 1913, the sum of sixty thousand dollars ($60,000) be, and hereby is, appropriated from the income of the Cemetery Fund, to be expended under the direction of the Park Commissioner, for Cemetery Division maintenance and improvement.

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

PETITIONS RECEIVED.

The following was received and referred to the committees named, viz.:

Claims.

Mitchell Abizaid, for compensation for damage to car by city truck.

Clark D. Adair, to be reimbursed as result of accident which occurred while in performance of duty.

Florence H. Bachman, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at Huntington and Longwood avenues.

Salvatore Beninato, for refund on Health Department licenses.

Philip Boncore, for compensation for damage to car caused by an alleged defect in Brookline avenue.

Joseph A. Chagnon, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at 1716 Centre street, West Rozbury.

William P. Crossen, for compensation for damage to car caused by being sprayed with paint while driving through Sumner Tunnel.

G. DeCicco, Inc., to be paid balance due on goods sold to city for Fourth of July Celebration.

John DeCotis, for compensation for damage to car caused by being sprayed with paint while driving through Sumner Tunnel.

Hugh P. Doherty, to be reimbursed for eyeglasses broken at Sanitary Yard, while removing snowplow from truck.

Harold T. Doyle, for compensation for damage to car by police car.

Jacob Finks, for compensation for damage to property caused by an alleged defect in Alford street.

Joseph A. Fiore, for compensation for damage to car caused by an alleged defect in Massachusetts avenue.

Edward J. Fogarty, to be reimbursed as result of accident which occurred while in performance of duty.

Mrs. William Fopiano, for compensation for damage to property at 71 North Margin street, caused by leak in water pipe.

Mary E. Gallagher, for compensation for loss of false teeth while patient at City Hospital.

Paul T. Greer, for compensation for damage to car by city truck.

Elizabeth K. Holmes, for compensation for damage to car by snow loader.

John A. Hoppe, for compensation for damage to property at 2 Stevens street, while tearing down adjoining building.

Rose A Hubbard, for compensation for damage to car by city truck.

F. H. Johnson & Co., for compensation for damage to property at 114 Faneuil Hall Market, caused by oil leak.

Kahn Transportation Company, for compensation for damage to property by city truck.

George Kerrigan, for compensation for damage to property at 7 Bolster street, Jamaica Plain, caused by ball thrown from playground.

Mary Maguire, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at Warren avenue, at Pembroke street.

Thomas J. Mahoney, to be reimbursed as result of accident which occurred while in performance of duty.

Norman T. McDonald, for compensation for loss of clothing at City Hospital.

Annie McGrimley, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at 3918 Washington street, Roslindale.

Francis L. McLaughlin, to be reimbursed as result of accident which occurred while in performance of duty.

Mayze McLean, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at Old Harbor street.

Joseph N. Murphy, for compensation for damage to car caused by being sprayed with paint while driving through Sumner Tunnel.

Bernard J. O'Donnell, Jr., for compensation for damage to car caused by an alleged defect in Louis Prang street.

John C. Peak, for compensation for damage to car by police car.

Railway Express Agency, for compensation for damage to truck by Fire Ladder 3.

Ross Shoes, for compensation for damage to property at 736 South street, Roslindale, caused by defective water pipes.

Ben Rubin, for compensation for damage to car by fire apparatus.

Helen Sargent, for compensation for damage to clothing, caused by an alleged defect in Court square.

Martha Scialabba, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in South Market street.

Leo Squatrito, to be reimbursed for injuries which occurred while in performance of duty on transit job at Chelsea and Gove streets.

James J. Sullivan, for compensation for damage to car by city car.

Frank G. Taaffe, for compensation for damage to car caused by an alleged defect in Jamaicaway.

Estate of John A. Nelson (Eric A. Nelson, Executor), for compensation for collapse of water boiler by water being shut off.

Executive.

Petition of Helen A. Bonner to be paid annuity on account of death of her husband, William J. Bonner, late member of Police Department.

PERMITS FOR CHILDREN.

Petitions for children under 15 years of age to appear at places of public amusement were received, as follows:

Tributary Theatre of Boston, New England Mutual Hall, February 27 and 28.

Tributary Theatre of Boston, New England Mutual Hall, February 28.

Rev. Thomas J. Burns, Timilty School, March 4 and 7.

Permits granted under usual conditions.

APPROVAL OF HOUSING AUTHORITY CONTRACT.

Notice was received from the State Board of Housing of approval of expenditures by the Boston Housing Authority under architects' contract dated February 17, 1948, between City of Boston and John M. Gray, in an amount not to exceed $50,375 on Camden Street Veterans' Housing Project.
Placed on file.

GRANT OF DRAINAGE RIGHTS IN EAST BOSTON.

Notice was received from the State Department of Public Works of grant to city to use of land for drainage purposes on Porter and Prescott streets, East Boston.
Placed on file.

ABANDONMENT OF SERVICE ON OLD COLONY DIVISION.

Notice was received from the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad of notice of hearing to be held by the Department of Public Utilities at Gardner Auditorium, State House, March 23, 1948, at 10 a. m., on petition of New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad to diminish passenger train service on certain lines of Old Colony Railroad.
Placed on file.

RECESS.

President HANNON declared a recess at 2.13 p. m., for the purpose of going into Executive Session. The members reassembled and were called to order by President HANNON at 3.17 p. m.

MANAGERS OF OLD SOUTH ASSOCIATION.

Coun. SULLIVAN offered the following:
Ordered, That the City Council now proceed to the election of two managers of the Old South Association.
Passed under suspension of the rules.
President HANNON nominated Councilors Yerxa and Bryan as managers of the Old South Association. The Clerk called the roll for confirmation with the request that each member announce the name of his choice, and Councilors Yerxa and Bryan were confirmed, yeas 15, nays 0:
Yeas—Councilors Ansel, Beades, Bryan, Chase, Coffey, Cook, Hannon, Keenan, Kinsella, Lane, Linehan, McCormack, Ramsey, Shanley, Yerxa—15.
Nays—0.

JURORS DRAWN.

Jurors were drawn, Councilor Tracy presiding at the box in the absence of the Mayor, as follows:

Sixty-one traverse jurors, Superior Criminal Court, to appear April 5, 1948:

James E. Broussard, Ward 1; John Evans, Ward 1; Charles F. Hayden, Ward 1; Alexander N. MacLeod, Ward 1; John J. Russell, Ward 2; Philip N. Baiona, Ward 3; Gregorio C. Pettinella, Ward 3; Giovanni Rizza, Ward 3; Samuel Shifres, Ward 3; Wilfrid J. Dodds, Ward 4; Charles R. Doherty, Ward 4; David McGrath, Ward 4; Holger Edward Shedin, Ward 4; Albert Slabine, Ward 5; Vincent T. Antonovich, Ward 6; Joseph Ceurvels, Ward 7; Nathan I. Rood, Ward 8; Carl O. Rundquist, Ward 8; Timothy F. Teehan, Ward 8; Frank Bagwell, Ward 9; Carl A. Krebs, Ward 9; Robert H. Smith, Ward 9; William J. Brown, Ward 10; Walter Fisher, Ward 11; Antonio Gareri, Ward 11; Myron Horowitz, Ward 11; Joseph F. Northway, Ward 11.

Henry Adelman, Ward 12; William Annand, Ward 12; John J. Hennessey, Ward 13; Bartley McKeon, Ward 13; James M. O'Brien, Ward 13; Richard Andelman, Ward 14; Bernard F. Goldberg, Ward 14; Samuel Hecht, Ward 14; Samuel Segal, Ward 14; William J. Trieber, Ward 14; Samuel A. Williams, Ward 14; John E. Duffin, Ward 15; John D. Hurley, Ward 15; Carl A. Ericson, Ward 16; Michael J. Curran, Ward 17; Joseph F. Mazze, Ward 17; John J. McDonald, Jr., Ward 17; Harry Nathan, Ward 17; Charles F. Reardon, Ward 17; Joseph F. Cavanaugh, Ward 18; Benjamin F. Kraus, Ward 18; Brony C. Zak, Ward 18; Robert T. Atkinson, Ward 20; Vincent C. Fisher, Ward 20; Henry Fitton, Ward 20; Herman Heinz, Ward 20; C. F. Alvin Phinney, Ward 20; Cleveland C. Smith, Ward 21; John B. Barnett, Ward 22; John J. Conroy, Ward 22; Louis Gorfinkle, Ward 22; Herman F. Goss, Ward 22; Guy W. Lougee, Ward 22; Paul T. Tatten, Ward 22.

One hundred thirty-two traverse jurors, Superior Civil Court, to appear April 5, 1948:

Michael DiAngelis, Ward 1; Carl W. Jensen, Ward 1; John C. Kelly, Ward 1; Raoul LaChance, Ward 1; Peter Manzi, Ward 1; John E. Powers, Ward 1; Anthony D. T. Recchia, Ward 1; Joseph P. Salerno, Ward 1; Vladimir Sheremeta, Ward 1; Patrick Curran, Ward 2; Thomas J. McCarthy, Ward 2; James A. O'Connell, Jr., Ward 2; George D. Kane, Ward 3; James Sorrentine, Ward 3; James Tortorici, Ward 3; John H. Artesani, Ward 4; Michael F. Buckley, Ward 4; Julian M. Cochrane, Ward 4; Joseph P. Fonseca, Ward 4; Edward C. Gray, Ward 4; Joseph Hill, Ward 4; Harry G. Koulouriotis, Ward 4; George F. MacDonald, Ward 4; James F. Morgan, Ward 4; Thomas M. Purdon, Ward 4; James B. Trudeau, Ward 4; Walter M. Bickford, Ward 5; John J. McCoy, Ward 5; John H. Rines, Ward 5; Daniel J. Sullivan, Ward 5; John J. Creed, Jr., Ward 6; Jeremiah P. Hurley, Ward 6; Edward H. Logan, Ward 6; James B. Lynch, Ward 6; Joseph A. O'Brien, Ward 6; Joseph P. Caulfield, Ward 7; John P. Cox, Ward 7; John J. Curry, Ward 7; Vincent H. Kennedy, Ward 7; Frank Menna, Ward 7; Timothy W. Regan, Ward 7; Edward J. Barry, Ward 8; Alexander Christie, Ward 8; John G. Harding, Ward 8; Alton Pierce, Ward 8; John E. Ryan, Ward 8; James L. Whittle, Ward 8; John H. Isles, Ward 9; Albert C. Nutter, Ward 9; Charles H. Schurman, Ward 9; Henry Creedon, Ward 10; Stephen A. Goode, Jr., Ward 10; George T. Kinahan, Ward 10; William A. Murray, Ward 10; James C. Andrews, Ward 11; Manuel J. Canales, Ward 11; Charles E. Thebado, Ward 11; George R. Williams, Ward 11.

Frank R. Baker, Ward 12; George M. Gerson, Ward 12; Max J. Kramer, Ward 12; Harry Singal, Ward 12; Russell E. Whaley, Ward 12; Guy E. Willard, Ward 12; Charles E. Baxter, Ward 13; Charles A. Ceppi, Ward 13; Edward J. Fedukowski, Jr., Ward 13; Donald Hazelton, Ward 13; Albert J. McCabe, Ward 13; Charles A. McLaughlin, Ward 13; Emory W. Moulton, Ward 13; Andrew Nilsen, Ward 13; John J. Waggett, Ward 13; Frederick Finn, Ward 14; Walter J. Freeman, Ward 14; Benjamin P. Hecht, Ward 14; Charles S. Merline, Ward 14; Meyer Rosenberg, Ward 14; Samuel Rutstein, Ward 14; Herbert J. Franz, Ward 15; William T. Kearney, Ward 15; Richard F. Boyd, Ward 16; Joseph P. Hanley, Ward 16; Charles E. Heigh, Ward 16; Edward G. Hines, Ward 16; Francis P. Hughes, Ward 16; Lester E. Ibetson, Ward 16; Frank M. Roach, Ward 16; Duncan Stewart, Ward 16; Robert W. Taylor, Ward 16; Edward S. Wilkinson, Ward

16; John F. Bishop, Jr., Ward 17; George E. Campbell, Ward 17; Raymond W. Bevereux, Ward 17; William Downey, Ward 17; Edward P. Grant, Ward 17; William A. Murphy, Ward 17; Hyman Price, Ward 17; Joseph O. Swanson, Jr., Ward 17; Rosario DiBella, Ward 18; Henry J. Kelsch, Ward 18; Patrick McDonnell, Ward 18; Chester J. Molinari, Ward 18; William Obin, Ward 18; Thomas F. Skeffington, Ward 18; James J. Tobin, Ward 18; Anthony Arcaro, Ward 19; Harvey W. Barnes, Ward 19; Thomas K. Canning, Jr., Ward 19; Guy S. Croft, Ward 19; James J. Melanaphy, Ward 19; John W. O'Connor, Ward 19; James E. Sullivan, Ward 19; John J. Walsh, Ward 19; James H. Fitzgerald, Jr., Ward 20; Walter A. Hanson, Ward 20; Gordon F. McCreadie, Ward 20; Albert S. Olsen, Ward 20; Raycroft Wiswall, Ward 20; Friedrick Witt, Ward 20; Louis T. Allman, Ward 21; Paul A. Bourquin, Ward 21; William Dehty, Ward 21; Victor H. Nobile, Ward 21; William Quigley, Ward 21; Solomon Shapiro, Ward 21; James R. Tidyman, Ward 21; LeRoy H. Crosby, Ward 22; Harold J. Dodd, Ward 22; Harry Kemelman, Ward 22; Hyman Leve, Ward 22; Patrick Nutile, Ward 22.

AUTOMATIC AMUSEMENT DEVICES.

Coun. BEADES recalled the ordinance concerning Automatic Amusement Devices referred to the Committee on Ordinances on October 27, 1947.

On motion of Councilor Beades it was voted to amend section 3 of this ordinance by striking out the fee of "one hundred dollars" and inserting "one thousand dollars."

On motion of Councilor Cook it was voted to amend section 1 by striking out the words "diggers" and "grab machines."

On motion of Councilor Ramsey it was voted to amend section 6 by striking out the words "without the written consent of his parent or guardian."

Coun. KINSELLA moved reconsideration of the vote on the amendment to section 3 relative to the fee for each machine. Reconsideration did not prevail.

The ordinance as amended was adopted.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Coun. McCORMACK, for the Executive Committee, submitted the following:

1. Report on petition of Mary E. Vogel (referred December 15, 1947) to be paid an annuity on account of the death of her husband, Frank N. Vogel, late member of Fire Department—recommending passage of the accompanying order.

Ordered, That under the provisions of section 89 of chapter 32 of the General Laws, an annuity of twelve hundred and fifty dollars be allowed and paid to Mary E. Vogel, widow of Frank N. Vogel, a member of the Fire Department, who died on December 11, 1947, on account of injuries received in the performance of his duty; said annuity being made up of allowances as follows:

For the widow, Mary E. Vogel, so long as she remains unmarried, $1,000 per annum; for the following-named child during such time as she is under the age of eighteen or over said age and physically or mentally incapacitated from earning—$260 per annum: Arline Theresa Vogel, born July 8, 1931; provided, however, that if the widow remarries, the annuity for the said child shall be $520 during the remainder of the time aforesaid, the payments to date from December 11, 1947, to be charged to the appropriation for Fire Department, Pensions and Annuities.

Report accepted; said order passed.

2. Report on order (referred February 2) requesting appropriation of $25,000 to study rates being charged by gas companies in City of Boston and opposition to proposed increase in rates for 1948—recommending that same ought to pass.

Report accepted, and the order was passed.

LOANS FOR HOUSING PROJECTS.

On motion of Councilor Linehan, the Council took up, under unfinished business, Nos. 1 and 2 on the Calendar, viz.:

1. Order for loan of $3,000,000 for low-income housing development on so-called Cathedral site. On February 9, 1948, the foregoing order was read once and passed, yeas 17, nays 0.

2. Order for loan of $4,000,000 for low-income housing development on so-called South Boston site. On February 9, 1948, the foregoing order was read once and passed, yeas 16, nays 0.

The loan orders were given their second reading and passage, yeas 17, nays 0:

Yeas—Councilors Ansel, Beades, Bryan, Cantwell, Chase, Coffey, Cook, Hannon, Keenan, Kinsella, Linehan, McCormack Ramsey, Shanley, Sullivan, Tracy, Yerxa—17.

Nays—0.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONFIRMATIONS.

Coun. ANSEL, for the Committee on Confirmations, submitted the following:

Report on appointment by the Mayor of Thomas Francis McArdle, 250 Gallivan Boulevard, Dorchester (referred February 16), as Constable authorized to serve civil process upon filing of bond for term ending April 30, 1948—recommending that appointment be confirmed.

Report on appointment of Thomas E. White, 499 Huntington avenue (referred February 16), as Weigher of Goods for term ending April 30, 1948—recommending that appointment be confirmed.

The reports were accepted, and the question came on confirmation. Committee, Councilors Chase and Cantwell. Whole number of ballots 16, yeas 16, and the appointments were confirmed.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY.

Coun. BEADES, for the Committee on Public Safety, submitted the following:

Report on order (referred February 9) re necessity of establishing a Gas Detection Unit to forestall any future manhole explosions—that same ought to pass.

Report accepted; said order passed.

FIREHOUSE IN ORIENT HEIGHTS.

Coun. COFFEY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Fire Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to carry out the plans already approved for the erection of a firehouse in the Orient Heights section of East Boston.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

APPROVAL OF ENACTMENT OF SENATE BILL 68.

Coun. KINSELLA offered the following:

Resolved, That the Boston City Council, in meeting assembled, go on record as favoring

the enactment of Senate Bill 68, an act repealing the laws authorizing the election of certain city and town officers by proportional representation and preferential voting, and that notification of this action by the City Council of Boston, be forwarded to the chairman of the Legislative Committee that will hear this Senate Bill 68.

Referred to the Committee on Legislative matters.

ACCEPTANCE OF METROPOLITAN AVENUE.

Coun. CANTWELL offered the following:

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out Metropolitan avenue, from Beacon street to the junction of Pleasant and Edith streets, Ward 18, as a public highway.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

SENTIMENT REGARDING VETERANS' MEMORIAL PLAQUE IN FENWAY.

Coun. CANTWELL offered the following:

Ordered, That the Registrar of Graves be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to circularize the families of Boston's 3,200 World War 2 dead to determine their sentiments in regard to accepting or rejecting a $300,000 memorial plaque in the Fens.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

FIVE-DAY WEEK, CITY HOSPITAL EMPLOYEES.

Coun. SULLIVAN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Trustees of the Boston City Hospital be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to devise ways and means by which employees of the Boston City Hospital who are not now working a five-day week will be transferred from a six-day to a five-day system.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

HEARINGS ON GROUP LIFE INSURANCE FOR CITY EMPLOYEES.

Coun. SULLIVAN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Executive Committee of the Boston City Council hold hearings and invite all interested parties relative to group life insurance for city employees payable through a pay roll deduction plan.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

APPROPRIATION BY STATE FOR WAR MEMORIAL AUDITORIUM IN BOSTON.

Coun. LINEHAN *et al.*, offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to direct the Corporation Counsel to immediately prepare and present to the Governor and to the Legislature a bill providing for a sufficient sum of money for the construction of a War Memorial Auditorium in the capital city of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

LEGALITY OF CITY LOAN FOR CONSTRUCTION OF WAR MEMORIAL AUDITORIUM.

Coun. LINEHAN offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor direct the Corporation Counsel to furnish the Boston City Council in the near future with a legal opinion as to whether or not the City Government can borrow money for the purpose of costructing a War Memorial Auditorium in the City of Boston.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

OPPOSITION TO PRESENT EXTENSION OF RAPID TRANSIT LINES.

Coun. KEENAN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Boston City Council, in meeting assembled, hereby opposes the extension of the rapid transit lines of the Metropolitan Transit Authority until such time as adequate service is provided for residents of Boston.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

PURCHASE OF PIERCE SCHOOL, WARD 17, FOR HEALTH UNIT.

Coun. KEENAN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Trustees of the George Robert White Fund be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to purchase the Henry L. Pierce School on Washington street, corner of Welles avenue, Ward 17, and to remodel same for use as a health unit.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

USE OF SCHOOL BUILDING AUDITORIUMS IN EACH SECTION OF CITY.

Coun. ANSEL offered the following:

Ordered, That the School Committee and Superintendent of Schools be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to consider the advisability of opening up a school building with an auditorium in each section of Boston for the purpose of permitting veterans' organizations and teen-age groups to meet in club activities.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

NAMING OF ROBERT A. CARPENTER SQUARE.

Coun. ANSEL offered the following:

Ordered, That the space at the junction of Woodrow avenue and Blue Hill avenue, Ward 14, be named Robert A. Carpenter Square, in honor of a veteran of World War II who made the supreme sacrifice, and that suitable signs be erected designating same.

Referred to the Mayor's Committee Memorializing Veterans.

NAMING OF HYMAN TARKO SQUARE.

Coun. ANSEL offered the following:

Ordered, That the space at the junction of Washington street and Blue Hill avenue, Ward 14, be named Hyman Tarko Square, in honor of a veteran of World War II who made the supreme sacrifice, and that suitable signs be erected designating same.

Referred to the Mayor's Committee Memorializing Veterans.

REOPENING OF NEPONSET STATION, WARD 16.

Coun. BEADES offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to instruct the Corporation Counsel to make every effort to have legislation passed requiring the Metropolitan Transit Authority to reopen the Neponset Station in the Port Norfolk section of Ward 16, which is located on the Old Colony line and which line His Excellency the Governor has recommended to be taken over by the Metropolitan Transit Authority, in order that the people of this section may obtain adequate transportation to which they are entitled as residents of Boston since Boston contributes over 67 per cent towards the upkeep of the Metropolitan Transit Authority.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

TRANSFER OF LOT 4, FROST AVENUE.

Coun. BEADES offered the following:

Ordered, That the parcel of land, located on Frost avenue, Ward 16, known as lot 4, containing 305 square feet of land, more or less, now in charge of the Board of Real Estate Commissioners, be, and hereby is, transferred to the care, custody and control and management of the Board of Street Commissioners to be used as a public way.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

ADEQUATE VENTILATION OF MANHOLES TO PREVENT EXPLOSIONS.

Coun. BEADES offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to instruct the Fire Commissioner to cooperate with the public utility corporations who agreed at a meeting of the Committee on Public Safety, which was held on February 25, 1948, to conduct a study of ways and means of providing adequate ventilation of manholes to prevent further explosions.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

LIBRARY FACILITIES, EGLESTON SQUARE.

Coun. TRACY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Trustees of the Boston Public Library be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to establish library facilities in the Egleston square section of Ward 11.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

RETIREMENT OF ARTHUR T. STONE.

Coun. McCORMACK offered the following:

Whereas, Arthur T. Stone, employed in the service of the County of Suffolk, as officer in the House of Correction, Penal Institutions Department, has made application to be retired under the provisions of chapter 678 of the Acts of 1945; and

Whereas, The said Arthur T. Stone has submitted to the City Council satisfactory evidence that he is a veteran as defined in section 56 of chapter 32 of the General Laws; that he has been certified for retirement for disability by the duly authorized medical panel; that he has been in the service of the county for at least ten years and has reached the age of fifty; that he is incapacitated for active service, and that his total income from all sources, exclusive of his retirement allowance and of any sum received from the government of the United States as a pension for war service, does not exceed five hundred dollars; and it is hereby

Ordered, That under the provisions of section 56 of chapter 32 of the General Laws, as amended by chapter 514 of the Acts of 1943, Arthur T. Stone, employed in the County of Suffolk as officer in the House of Correction, Penal Institutions Department, be, and hereby is, retired by the Mayor and City Council, acting as county commissioners, at an annual pension of fourteen hundred and fifty dollars, being one half of his highest regular rate of compensation.

Referred to the Committee on County Accounts.

CLEANING OF THOMAS PARK FOR MARCH 17TH CELEBRATION.

Coun. WENZLER and LINEHAN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Park Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to clean up and renovate Thomas park, South Boston, for the seventeenth of March celebration.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CLAIMS.

Coun. LANIGAN, for the Committee on Claims, submitted the following:

Report on petition of Vincent P. McBrine (referred February 2) to be reimbursed for amount of execution issued against him on account of his acts as operator of motor apparatus belonging to the Fire Department—recommending passage of accompanying order:

Ordered, That the sum of seventy-five dollars ($75) be allowed and paid to Vincent P. McBrine in reimbursement for amount of execution issued against him on account of his acts as operator of motor apparatus belonging to the Fire Department, said sum to be charged to the Contingent Fund.

Report on petition of Alexander McLaughlin (referred January 26) to be reimbursed for amount of execution issued against him on account of his acts as operator of motor vehicle belonging to Highway Division, Public Works Department—recommending passage of accompanying order:

Ordered, That the sum of one hundred thirty dollars ($130) be allowed and paid to Alexander McLaughlin in reimbursement for amount of execution issued against him on account of his acts as operator of a motor vehicle belonging to the Highway Division, Public Works Department, said sum to be charged to the Contingent Fund.

Report on petition of Frank C. Burns (referred February 2) to be reimbursed for amount of execution issued against him on account of his acts as operator of motor vehicle belonging to Police Department—recommending passage of accompanying order:

Ordered, That the sum of two hundred fifty dollars ($250) be allowed and paid to Frank C. Burns in reimbursement for amount of execution issued against him on account of his

acts as operator of a motor vehicle belonging to the Police Department, said sum to be charged to the Contingent Fund.

Report on petition of Clifford E. Sullivan (referred January 26) to be reimbursed for amount of execution issued against him on account of his acts as operator of motor vehicle belonging to Sanitary Division, Public Works Department—recommending passage of accompanying order:

Ordered, That the sum of two hundred dollars ($200) be allowed and paid to Clifford E. Sullivan in reimbursement for amount of execution issued against him on account of his acts as operator of a motor vehicle belonging to Sanitary Division, Public Works Department, said sum to be charged to the Contingent Fund.

The reports were accepted, and the orders were severally passed.

Adjourned, on motion of Councilor Shanley, at 5 p. m., to meet on Monday, March 8, 1948, at 2 p. m.

Note: All debate of City Council eliminated from proceedings in accordance with Chapter 447, Acts of 1947.

(Stenographic copy of such debate on file in office of City Clerk.)

CITY OF BOSTON PRINTING DEPARTMENT

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of City Council.

Monday, March 8, 1948.

Regular meeting of the City Council held in the Council Chamber at 2 p. m., President HANNON in the chair, and all the members present.

The meeting was opened with the salute to the Flag.

JURORS DRAWN.

Jurors were drawn, Councilor Linehan presiding at the box in the absence of the Mayor, as follows:

Four grand jurors, Superior Criminal Court, to appear April 5, 1948:

Joseph H. Mulkern, Ward 6; William P. Burke, Ward 15; Russell M. Dyer, Ward 17; Lorenzo F. Poirier, Ward 19.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR.

Subject to confirmation by the Council, the Mayor submitted the appointment of Edward H. Liner, 44 Griggs terrace, Brookline, as Weigher of Coal, for term ending April 30, 1948.

Referred to the Committee on Confirmations.

REPORTS BY POLICE ON UNLIGHTED STREET LAMPS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, March 3, 1948.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I transmit herewith communication from the Police Commissioner, relative to your order of February 16, 1948, concerning the instructing of all uniformed men in the various station houses to immediately notify the Street Lighting Service of the city relative to all gas lamps and electric lamps which are observed to be not operating.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Police Department, March 1, 1948.

Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Mr. Mayor,—I return to you herewith order of the City Council dated February 16, 1948, as follows:

"Ordered, That all division captains be requested by Police Commissioner Sullivan, through his Honor the Mayor, to instruct all uniformed men in the various station houses to immediately notify the Street Lighting Service of the city relative to all gas lamps and electric lamps which are observed to be not operating."

The Rules and Regulations of the Police Department make specific provision relative to street lamps as follows (Rule 24, Section 19):

A patrolman, while on duty, shall note "all street lamps out of repair and not lighted or extinguished at the proper time; and shall make report thereof without delay in writing to his commanding officer."

When an officer observes a defective street lamp, it is his duty to notify the officer in charge of the station, who in turn notifies the Gas Company or the Electric Company, directly or through the Bureau of Operations.

On October 30, 1943, a new form and method of reporting street light outages was put into effect by the Commissioner of Public Works, and each division now reports, also, on postcard forms all defective street lamps, which postcards are forwarded daily by United States mail to the Public Works Department.

In addition to the above, division commanders report on their daily reports to the superintendent the number of defective lamps reported for the 24 hours ending 8 a. m.

For the year ending November 30, 1947, a total of 4,658 defective lamps were reported by the several divisions, which indicates that there is no negligence on the part of the police in observing and reporting defective street lamps.

Very truly yours,
THOMAS F. SULLIVAN,
Police Commissioner.

Placed on file.

INSTALLING OF PEDESTRIAN LIGHTS, WARD 22.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, March 8, 1948.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I transmit herewith communication from the Traffic Commission relative to your order of January 12, 1948, concerning the installing of pedestrian traffic signals at the corner of Franklin and Lincoln streets in Ward 22.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Traffic Commission, March 4, 1948.

J. Joseph Connors,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.

Dear Sir,—In reply to the City Council order submitted by Councilor Shanley, requesting that pedestrian traffic signals be installed at the corner of Franklin and Lincoln streets, Ward 22, please be advised that an investigation is being made by the Engineering Division of this department and, when this investigation is completed, I shall inform you as to the decision arrived at.

Very truly yours,
LEO F. CURLEY, Commissioner.

Placed on file.

MAKING OF L STREET A THROUGH WAY.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, March 8, 1948.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I transmit herewith communication from the Traffic Commissioner, relative to your order of February 16, 1948, concerning the placing of "Stop" signs on all streets that cross L street, and the making of L street, from Columbia road to First street, a through way.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Traffic Commission, March 4, 1948.

J. Joseph Connors,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.

Dear Sir,—In reply to Council requests of Councilor Wenzler that L street be made a through way and that traffic lights be installed at the intersection of Dorchester street and Broadway, please be advised that a survey is being undertaken. When this survey is completed, I shall further advise you as to the decision of this commission.

Very truly yours,
LEO F. CURLEY, Commissioner.

Placed on file.

APPROPRIATION FOR RENTAL OF CADETS' ARMORY.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, March 8, 1948.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—Under the Statutes of 1947, chapter 685, Item 0406-05, the state this year is making available to the City of Boston for rental and maintenance of the First Corps of Cadets' Armory the sum of $5,000. This sum is in addition to the $7,000 annually made available for this purpose and is necessary to meet additional maintenance expenses at the armory.

Before payment may be made for these additional expenses it is necessary that an appropriation be provided. I submit herewith an order providing for the appropriation of $5,000, said appropriation

to be met from payments received from the Commonwealth, and recommend adoption by your Honorable Body.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Ordered, that the sum of five thousand dollars ($5,000) be, and the same hereby is, appropriated from the income received from the Commonwealth under the provisions of chapter 685, Item 0406-05 of the Acts of 1947, said sum to be expended for the following purpose:

Public Buildings Department.

F-6, Military.....$5,000

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received and referred to the committees named, viz.:

Claims.

Pasquale Capone, for compensation for damage to car caused by being sprayed with paint while driving through Sumner Tunnel.

Francis A. Costello, to be reimbursed as result of accident which occurred while in performance of duty.

Lillian Famiglietti, for compensation for damage to car by city truck.

Nathaniel A. Finck, for compensation for damage to truck caused by an alleged defect in Rutherford avenue.

Francis J. Harrigan, for compensation for damage to car by city truck.

Mrs. R. G. Hinkley, for compensation for damage to car caused by hole in street.

Sydney Liner, for compensation for damage to car by snowplow.

Minnie Merten, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in Centre street, Roxbury.

Irving Neiman, for compensation for damage to car by snowplow.

Paramount Baking Company, for compensation for damage to car by fire engine.

Pearl Rosenthal, for compensation for damage to car by city car.

Joseph H. Sanger, to be reimbursed as result of accident which occurred while in performance of duty.

William W. Saxe, for compensation for damage to car caused by an alleged defect in Cambridge street.

B. G. Shepperson, for compensation for damage to property at 66 Oakland street, Brighton, caused by city car.

Stephen Smyth, for compensation for damage to car by car of Police Department.

Julian Sobin, for compensation for damage to car by snowplow.

Harold Thaler, for compensation for damage to car caused by an alleged defect at traffic circle near Abattoir court, Brighton.

Arnold Weiner, for compensation for damage to car by snowplow.

Chester J. Young, for compensation for damage to car caused by an alleged defect in River street.

Charles J. Glynn, for compensation for damage to truck by city truck.

Ida B. Dowling, for compensation for damage to car by city truck.

Executive.

Petition of Madeline Groves to be paid annuity on account of death of her husband, Walter J. Groves, late member of Police Department.

Petition of Mary Ryan to be paid annuity on account of death of her husband, James W. Ryan, late member of Fire Department.

PERMITS FOR CHILDREN.

Petition for children under fifteen years of age to appear at places of public amusement, viz.:

Tributary Theatre, New England Mutual Hall, March 5 and 6, 1948.

Permit granted under usual conditions.

APPROVAL OF CONSTABLE'S BOND.

The constable's bond of Thomas F. McArdle, having been duly approved by the City Treasurer, was received and approved by the Council.

NOTICE OF INTEREST IN CONTRACT.

Notice was received from J. J. Benkert, member of Boston Housing Authority, of interest in contract of J. J. Benkert Company in service order for temporary repairs to streets issued by Highway Division of Public Works Department.

Placed on file.

PERMIT GRANTED BY PUBLIC UTILITIES DEPARTMENT.

Notice was received from the Department of Public Utilities of granting of permit to operate trackless trolleys over Massachusetts avenue and Harvard Bridge, between Boylston street and Boston-Cambridge line; Boylston street, between Massachusetts avenue and St. Cecilia street; Newbury street, between Massachusetts avenue and a point about 200 feet easterly.

Placed on file.

HEARING BEFORE PUBLIC UTILITIES DEPARTMENT.

Notices were received from the Department of Public Utilities of hearings to be held on petitions of the Metropolitan Transit Authority:

Petition for permit to operate trackless trolleys on Neponset avenue, between Taylor street and Adams street; Adams street, between Neponset avenue and Gibson street; Gibson street, between Adams street and Dorchester avenue.

Petition for permit to operate motor vehicles between junction of Washington and Northampton streets and junction of Washington and Dover streets, over Washington street, East Concord street, Harrison avenue, East Brookline street, Albany street, Union Park street, Waltham street, Harrison avenue, and Dover street; return over Washington street, Union Park street, Albany street, East Brookline street, Harrison avenue, Massachusetts avenue, and Washington streets.

Hearings on above petitions to be held March 19 and March 22, respectively.

Placed on file.

RECESS.

President HANNON declared a recess at 2.10 p. m. for the purpose of going into Executive Session. The members reassembled and were called to order by President HANNON at 2.42 p. m.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONFIRMATIONS.

Coun. ANSEL, for the Committee on Confirmations, submitted the following:

Report on appointment by the Mayor of Barney Rubin, 318 Blue Hill avenue, Roxbury (referred March 1), as Constable without power to serve civil process, and to serve without bond for term ending April 30, 1948—recommending that appointment be confirmed.

Report on appointment of Biago Caiablo, 608 Main street, Medford (referred March 1), as Weigher of Goods, for term ending April 30, 1948—recommending that appointment be confirmed.

The reports were accepted, and the question came on confirmation. Committee, Councilors Cantwell and Kinsella. Whole number of ballots 14, yeas 14, and the appointments were confirmed.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Coun. McCORMACK, for the Executive Committee, submitted the following:

Report on message of Mayor and order (referred March 1) that Corporation Counsel apply to Department of Public Utilities to take action in

regard to alterations, structural changes, and repairs in Walworth Street Bridge—that same ought to pass.

The report was accepted, and the order was passed.

ADDITIONAL HYDRANTS, CITY SQUARE, CHARLESTOWN.

Coun. KINSELLA offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to instruct the Public Works Commissioner and the Chief of the Fire Prevention Bureau of the Boston Fire Department to conduct a survey of the City square, Charlestown, section of Boston for the purpose of determining the need for additional fire hydrants in that area.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

ACTION ON PROFESSOR FEENER'S CHARGES.

Coun. COFFEY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Attorney General and the District Attorney be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to reconsider their recent action on Professor Feener's charges of bribe solicitation and prosecute those involved.

Referred to the Committee on Rules.

RECESS.

On motion of Councilor Cook the Council voted to take a recess for ten minutes at 3 p. m. The members reassembled and were called to order by President HANNON at 3.13 p. m.

TWO STENOGRAPHER-CLERKS, IN CLERK OF COMMITTEES DEPARTMENT.

Coun. COFFEY offered the following:

Ordered, That two new positions of stenographer-clerks to the City Council, assigned to the Clerk of Committees Department, be and hereby are established at a salary of $2,000 per year.

Referred to the Committee on Rules.

PRESENCE OF PROFESSOR FEENER AND DISTRICT ATTORNEY BEFORE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Coun. COFFEY offered the following:

Ordered, That the members of the Boston City Council, acting in the capacity of Suffolk County Commissioners, request, through his Honor the Mayor, the presence of Professor Feener and the District Attorney at the next session of the Executive Committee.

Coun. CHASE moved that the matter be laid on the table. The motion was lost. The order was referred to the Committee on Rules.

PROPOSED HOLDING UP OF COUNTY BUDGET.

Coun. COFFEY offered the following:

Ordered, That the members of the Boston City Council, acting in the capacity of Suffolk County Commissioners, refuse to pass the county budget until the charges made by Professor Feener to the District Attorney are acted upon by said office.

Referred to the Committee on Rules.

"STOP" SIGNS ON STREETS INTERSECTING L STREET.

Coun. LINEHAN and WENZLER offered the following:

Ordered, That the Traffic Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to place "Stop" signs on both sides of all streets that intersect L street, South Boston.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

PREPARATION OF STREETS FOR MARCH 17TH PARADE.

Coun. LINEHAN and WENZLER offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor request the Public Works Commissioner to take immediate steps to clean the streets and fill in the holes in South Boston along the route of the March 17th parade.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

ROPING OFF OF STREETS FOR MARCH 17TH PARADE.

Coun. WENZLER and LINEHAN offered the following:

Ordered, That the City Messenger be, and he hereby is, authorized to provide for the roping off of the streets in South Boston for the parade on Wednesday, March 17, 1948, the expense of same to be charged to the City Council appropriation for Flags, Ropes and Stakes.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

RECALL OF WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION ORDER FROM COMMITTEE ON ORDINANCES.

On motion of Councilor Linehan the order on Workmen's Compensation benefits referred to the Committee on Ordinances on February 2 was recalled from the committee.

On motion of Councilor Linehan the order was rejected.

EXTENSION OF BENEFITS OF WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION.

Coun. LINEHAN offered the following:

Ordered, That the City Council, acting as City Councilors, and the City Council and Mayor of the City of Boston, acting as County Commissioners for the County of Suffolk, do hereby determine to so extend the terms of laborers, workmen, and mechanics as to include all employees of the City of Boston and the County of Suffolk, regardless of the nature of their work or duties, but not to include members of the police or fire force, as provided under the provisions of the General Laws, Tercentenary Edition, chapter 152, section 69, as amended by chapter 403 of the Acts of 1936.

The Department of Industrial Accidents of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts shall be notified of this action in writing forthwith.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

ROPING OFF STREETS FOR V. F. W. ROAD RACE.

Coun. SHANLEY offered the following:

Ordered, That the City Messenger be, and he hereby is, authorized to rope off the streets along the route of the V. F. W. road race in Oak square, to be held on Saturday, March 27, 1948, between the hours of 2 and 4 p. m., the expense of same to be charged to the City Council appropriation for Flags, Ropes and Stakes.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

SURVEY OF CITY WAGE SCHEDULES.

Coun. SHANLEY and BRYAN offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to appoint a committee of seven persons, including the Budget Commissioner, three City Councilors, and three representatives of industry and the public at large, to make an immediate general survey of wage schedules paid by the City of Boston with a view to recommending adjustments to meet the extraordinary high cost of living.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

TRAFFIC LIGHTS AND SIGNS, WARD 6.

Coun. WENZLER offered the following:

Ordered, That the Traffic Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to install traffic lights at the corner of D street and West Broadway, Ward 6.

Ordered, That the Traffic Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to install traffic lights at the junction of Dorchester street and Broadway.

Ordered, That the Traffic Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to install "Stop" signs on West Fourth street, easterly corner, at the corner of D street.

Severally passed under suspension of the rules.

ROPING OFF STREETS FOR CATHEDRAL CLUB ROAD RACE.

Coun. HURLEY offered the following:

Ordered, That the City Messenger be authorized to rope off Union Park street, between Washington street and Harrison avenue, between the hours of 2 and 4 p. m., on Saturday, April 10, 1948, for the annual ten-mile road race of the Cathedral Club, the expense of same to be charged to the appropriation for Flags, Ropes, and Stakes.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

PRINTING OF BOSTON RETIREMENT ACT AS CITY DOCUMENT.

President HANNON offered the following:

Ordered, That the Boston Retirement Board be authorized to have printed as a city document 1,000 copies of the Boston Retirement Act, with amendments included to July 1, 1947, the expense of same to be charged to the appropriation for City Documents.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

HEALTH REGULATIONS GOVERNING CERTAIN FOOD CONCESSIONS.

Coun. SULLIVAN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Health Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to draw up additional health regulations and ordinances governing food concessions in the various hall parks and race tracks as well as the various gardens and arenas in the City of Boston; and he it further

Ordered, That the chairman of the Ordinance Committee hold a meeting at the earliest possible date on this matter and invite the Simons Corporation of Suffolk Downs, Stevens Officials of Fenway Park, Lou Perini of Braves Field and also those in charge of concessions at the Boston Garden and Boston Arena.

Referred to the Committee on Ordinances.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS.

Coun. BRYAN, for the Committee on Appropriations, submitted the following:

Report on message of the Mayor and order (referred March 1) appropriating $60,000 from income of Cemetery Fund, to be expended under direction of the Park Commissioners for Cemetery Division maintenance and improvement—that same ought to pass.

The report was accepted, and the order was passed, yeas 15, nays 0:

Yeas—Councilors Ansel, Bryan, Cantwell, Carey, Chase, Cook, Hannon, Hurley, Kinsella, Lanigan, Linehan, McCormack, Shanley, Sullivan, Yerxa—15.

Nays—0.

REPLACING OF GAS LAMPS.

Coun. BRYAN *et al.* offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to take immediate steps to replace gas lamps throughout the city wherever electric service is available for the safety and protection of the public.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

WEST STREET, WARD 18, IMPROVEMENTS.

Coun. CANTWELL offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to resurface West street, from Hyde Park avenue and Poplar street, to Beech street, Ward 18, and to construct sidewalks thereon.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

LAND TO REPLACE ALSEN PLAYGROUND.

Coun. BEADES offered the following:

Ordered, That the Park Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to look into the advisability of taking land adjacent to Victory road for playground purposes, to replace the Alsen Playground which was taken over for veterans' housing, leaving no facilities for the youth of the neighborhood.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LICENSES.

Coun. COFFEY, for the Committee on Licenses, submitted the following:

Report on petition of Grove Hall Bowladrome, Joseph Pacino, 643 Warren street, Roxbury (referred February 2), to operate bowling alleys on the Lord's day — that permit be granted.

The report was accepted, and permit granted under usual conditions.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CLAIMS.

Coun. LANIGAN, for the Committee on Claims, submitted the following:

Report of petition of James V. DiBello (referred February 16) to be reimbursed for amount of execution issued against him on account of his acts as operator of motor vehicle belonging to Fire Department, recommending passage of accompanying order:

Ordered, That the sum of five hundred twenty-seven dollars and forty-one cents ($527.41) be allowed and paid to James V. DiBello in reimbursement for amount of execution issued against him on account of his acts as operator of a motor vehicle belonging to the Fire Department, said sum to be charged to the Contingent Fund.

Report on petition of John J. Cavanaugh (referred February 16) to be reimbursed for amount of execution issued against him on account of his acts as operator of motor truck belonging to Paving Division, Public Works Department, recommending passage of accompanying order:

Ordered, That the sum of four thousand five hundred dollars ($4,500) be allowed and paid to John J. Cavanaugh in reimbursement for amount of execution issued against him on account of his acts as operator of a motor truck belonging to the Paving Division, Public Works Department, said sum to be charged to the Contingent Fund.

Report on petition of Coleman M. Joyce (referred February 16) to be reimbursed for amount of execution issued against him on account of his acts as member of Boston Police Department, recommending passage of accompanying order:

Ordered, That the sum of two hundred twenty-two dollars and eighty cents ($222.80) be allowed and paid to Coleman M. Joyce in reimbursement

for amount of execution issued against him on account of his acts as a member of the Boston Police Department, said sum to be charged to the Contingent Fund.

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Report on petition of George J. Floyd (referred February 9) to be reimbursed for amount of execution issued against him on account of his acts as operator of motor vehicle belonging to Police Department, recommending passage of accompanying order:

Ordered, That the sum of one hundred seventy dollars and five cents ($170.05) be allowed and paid to George J. Floyd in reimbursement for amount of execution issued against him on account of his acts as operator of a motor vehicle belonging to the Police Department, said sum to be charged to the Contingent Fund.

Reports accepted, and orders severally passed.

Adjourned, on motion of Councilor Tracy, at 3.52 p. m., to meet on Monday, March 15, 1948, at 2 p. m.

Note: All debate of City Council eliminated from proceedings in accordance with Chapter 447, Acts of 1947.

(Stenographic copy of such debate on file in office of City Clerk.)

CITY OF BOSTON PRINTING DEPARTMENT

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of City Council.

Monday, March 15, 1948.

Regular meeting of the City Council held in the Council Chamber, President HANNON in the chair. Absent, Councilors Carey, Coffey and Lanigan.

The meeting was opened with the salute to the Flag.

VETO OF ORDINANCE RE AUTOMATIC AMUSEMENT DEVICES.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Mayor's Office, March 8, 1948.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I am returning herewith, disapproved, the proposed ordinance concerning automatic amusement devices passed by your Honorable Body on March 1, 1948.

My objections thereto are that, even if I affixed my signature to the proposed ordinance, it could not as a matter of law be effective, for the proposed license fee of one thousand dollars per year or portion of a year for each device is clearly not "commensurate with the reasonable expenses incident to the licensing and all that can rationally be thought to be connected therewith." *Opinion of the Justices*, 250 Mass. 591, 602.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Placed on file.

WEST STREET, WARD 18, IMPROVEMENTS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, March 12, 1948.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I transmit herewith communication from the Commissioner of Public Works relative to your order of March 8, 1948, concerning the resurfacing of West street, from Hyde Park avenue and Poplar street, to Beech street, Ward 18, and the constructing of sidewalks thereon.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Public Works Department,
March 11, 1948.

Mr. J. Joseph Connors,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.

Dear Sir,—I return herewith order in City Council that the Commissioner of Public Works resurface West street, from Hyde Park avenue and Poplar street, to Beech street, Ward 18, and to construct sidewalks thereon, and this will advise you that this street will be put on the list of streets to be given consideration for construction this year.

Very truly yours,
ROBERT P. CURLEY,
Commissioner of Public Works.

Placed on file.

PREPARATION OF STREETS FOR MARCH 17th PARADE.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, March 12, 1948.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I transmit herewith communication from the Commissioner of Public Works relative to your order of March 8, 1948, concerning the cleaning of the streets and filling in of holes along the route of the March 17th parade in South Boston.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Public Works Department,
March 11, 1948.

Mr. J. Joseph Connors,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.

Dear Sir,—I return herewith order in City Council that the Commissioner of Public Works take immediate steps to clean the streets and fill in the holes in South Boston along the route of the March 17th parade, and this will advise you that this work was started on March 1, and it is anticipated that same will be finished by Saturday night, March 13, 1948.

Very truly yours,
ROBERT P. CURLEY,
Commissioner of Public Works.

Placed on file.

PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received and referred to the committees named, viz.:

Claims.

George W. Cameron, to be reimbursed as result of accident which occurred while in performance of duty.

Goldie Chaet, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at 41 Bicknell street.

John L. Davy, to be reimbursed as result of accident which occurred while in performance of duty.

Mildred and William J. Donovan, for compensation for damage to car by police car.

John Erickson, to be reimbursed for digging up street at 23 Massasoit street, caused by defective sewer.

Fields Corner Spa, for compensation for damage to property at 1512A Dorchester avenue, caused by backing up of sewage.

Hazel A. Henderson, for compensation for damage to car by police car.

John Henry Hutchings, Jr., for compensation for injuries caused by city truck.

Michael Kaczka, to be reimbursed as result of accident which occurred while in performance of duty.

Eliot Miller, for compensation for damage to car by snowplow.

Philip Pearlstein, for compensation for damage to property at 52 Hazleton street, Mattapan, by fire truck.

Robert J. Sullivan, for compensation for damage to car by city truck.

Walter A. Sullivan, to be reimbursed as result of accident which occurred while in performance of duty.

Executive.

Petition of Boston American League Baseball Club for license for Sunday sports from March 15, 1948, through October 10, 1948, and beginning October 10, 1948, and ending March 15, 1949.

PERMITS FOR CHILDREN.

Petitions for children under fifteen years of age to appear at places of public amusement were received:

Daniel D. Tierney, Jordan Hall, March 12.

Skating Club of Boston, Boston Arena, April 9, 10, 11.

Permits granted under usual conditions.

NOTICE OF HEARING.

Notice was received from the Department of Public Utilities of hearing to be held March 22, at 10 a. m., on petition of Metro-

politan Transit Authority for license to operate motor vehicles over St. James avenue, between Huntington avenue and Trinity place, over Trinity place, between St. James avenue and Stuart street.

Placed on file.

NOTICE FROM STATE BOARD OF HOUSING.

Notice was received from the State Board of Housing approving request of Boston Housing Authority of contract dated March 8, 1948, Robert W. Blaisdell, architect, in amount not to exceed $100,187 for architectural and mechanical engineering services on veterans' housing project on Arborway, at Morton street, Forest Hills.

Placed on file.

RECESS.

President HANNON declared a recess at 2.12 p. m. for the purpose of going into Executive Session. The members reassembled and were called to order by President HANNON at 2.30 p. m.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Report on petition of Mary E. Wyllie (referred March 31, 1947) to be paid annuity on account of death of husband, Richard T. Wyllie, late member of Fire Department—recommending passage of accompanying order:

Ordered, That under the provisions of section 89 of chapter 32 of the General Laws, an annuity of twelve hundred and sixty dollars be allowed and paid to Mary E. Wyllie, widow of Richard T. Wyllie, a member of the Fire Department, who died on December 6, 1946, on account of injuries received in the performance of his duty; said annuity being made up of allowances as follows:

For the widow, Mary E. Wyllie, so long as she remains unmarried, $1,000 per annum;

For the following-named child, during such time as he is under the age of eighteen or over said age and physically or mentally incapacitated from earning, $260 per annum:

Thomas F. Wyllie, born December 6, 1931; provided, however, that if the widow remarries, the annuity for the said child shall be $520, during the remainder of the time aforesaid; the payments to date from December 6, 1946, and to be charged to the appropriation for Fire Department, Pensions and Annuities.

The report was accepted, and the order was passed.

ROPING OFF STREETS FOR B. A. A. RACE.

Coun. YERXA and LANE offered the following:

Ordered, That the City Messenger be directed to rope off the streets along the route of the Annual B. A. A. Marathon Race to be conducted on Monday, April 19, the expense of same to be charged to the City Council appropriation for Ropes, Flags and Stakes.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

RECESS.

President HANNON declared a short recess at 2.32 p. m., and the members reassembled at 2.33 p. m.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONFIRMATIONS.

Coun. ANSEL, for the Committee on Confirmations, submitted the following:

Report on appointment by the Mayor of Edward H. Liner, 44 Griggs terrace, Brookline (referred March 8), as Weigher of Coal, for term ending April 30, 1948—recommending that appointment be confirmed.

The report was accepted, and the question came on confirmation. Committee, Councilors Cook and Tracy. Whole number of ballots 14, yeas 14, and the appointment was confirmed.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS.

Coun. BRYAN, Chairman for the Committee on Appropriations, submitted the following:

Report on message of the Mayor and appropriation and tax orders for 1948 (referred February 2):

After careful study and public hearings extending over a period of several weeks, the City Council Committee on Appropriations recommends the adoption of the 1948 city and county budget as submitted by Mayor James M. Curley.

The committee further recommends to the Mayor that a supplementary appropriation be submitted for the purpose of granting cost-of-living salary increases to those city employees now receiving less than $3,000 a year.

The committee further urges that a careful study be made of the wage schedules at the Boston City Hospital with a view to revising upwards the salaries of the low-paid employees at that institution.

In recommending the adoption of the city and county budget, the committee fully recognizes the danger of a tax rate increase which may send this year's rate well over the $50 mark.

It is the opinion of the Appropriations Committee, however, on the basis of the extensive studies it has made, that the budget cannot be reduced without curtailing or eliminating necessary municipal services which the people of Boston have a right to expect.

During the weeks it had the budget under consideration the committee had not received one suggestion from any source for reducing any item in the budget.

Although civic organizations such as the Chamber of Commerce and the Municipal Research Bureau were aware of the hearings and were privileged to send representatives to these hearings, none of them took the opportunity of doing so. Nothing was heard from any of the organizations which previously had issued general statements urging budget reductions. It seemed strange to the committee that organizations which profess so great an interest in Boston's municipal affairs were not represented at the hearings on the biggest budget in the city's history, but that was the fact.

The department heads, accompanied by their fiscal clerks, appeared at the hearings on their particular budgets and each item in the budget was thoroughly explored. Since the public hearings were completed, the Committee on Appropriations has held several Executive Sessions which were open to the press and other members of the Council in order that certain matters concerning particular budgets might be examined. This thorough examination of the Mayor's budget convinces the members of this committee that reductions are impractical because, as set forth in the Mayor's message, the main reasons for the increase are as follows:

(1) Forty-eight-hour week for firemen.

(2) Day off in six for policemen.

(3) Increase in minimum and maximum salaries for the members of the Police Department.

(4) The subsequent similar increase in minimum and maximum salaries for members of the Fire Department to equalize with the Police Department.

(5) Increased pension cost.

(6) The increased cost of uniforms and personal equipment of the added personnel in both the Fire and Police Departments, due to the adoption of the 48-hour week for firemen, and a day off in six for policemen.

(7) The 40-hour week, which, while general throughout the city, affects the Hospital Department, Sanatorium Division and the Long Island Hospital perhaps more than any other department of the city because they are on a seven-day, twenty-four-hour basis.

(8) The increases in allotment for recipients authorized by the state, and the rise in case loads in the Public Welfare and Veterans' Services Department.

(9) The increased cost of snow removal.

(10) Rising cost of Contractual Services, Supplies, Equipment, Materials, and all other commodities purchased by the city. Our institutions particularly are huge users of food, clothing, medicine and other high-priced supplies.

The largest single item in the budget is for salaries and amounts to roughly one half of the entire city budget. A survey of this item discloses that, with the exception of policemen and firemen, the average pay of the city employee is approximately $2,000 yearly. The Bureau of Labor Statistics states that $2,200-$2,500 yearly salary is the minimum necessary to support a family of three. At the present time there are bills pending in the Legislature requesting up to 20 per cent increase in salary for state employees. The Governor has already recommended a cost of living bonus of $100 to all state employees with an additional increase based on the recommendation of a classification survey made for this specific purpose which would give state employees up to $800 over the next few years. There is no doubt that consideration will have to be given to the question of increases in salary for city employees. It seems probable that this item which, as stated before, amounts to 50 per cent of the entire budget, may have to be increased.

One half of the balance of the budget, or approximately $14,300,000, is to cover the cost of general welfare, including old age assistance, aid to dependent children, pensions to employees not members of the contributory retirement systems, and payments to needy veterans.

The sum of $16,000,000 remaining is accounted for as follows:

Contractual Services	$6,500,000
Equipment	1,300,000
Supplies	4,100,000
Materials	500,000
Snow Removal	1,250,000
Special Appropriations	2,350,000
	$16,000,000

Of the $6,500,000 for Contractual Services the sum of $4,500,000 is for so-called fixed charges and is expended as follows: Contracts already approved for removal and disposal of waste; street lighting; board of children in foster homes and institutions; care of tubercular and other Boston settled cases in state infirmaries and sanatoria; police listing; rental of buildings and office machines, and telephone service.

Of the $1,300,000 for equipment, approximately $900,000 is expended for uniforms for firemen and policemen; clothing for children under the care of the Child Welfare Department; and clothing, bedding, kitchen equipment and medical equipment for hospital and institutions departments; the purchase of books for the library; and for purchase of fire hose.

Of the $4,100,000 for supplies, approximately $3,500,000 is for food, fuel and medical supplies for the hospital and institutions departments; and gasoline for fire, police and public works automotive equipment.

$500,000 for materials is mostly for the purchase of automobile parts, lumber, etc., used by the departmental forces of the city.

$1,250,000 for snow removal has already been appropriated by the City Council and is not part of this report.

Of the $2,350,000 for special appropriations, $550,000 has been allocated for repairs in the Hospital, Sanatorium and Long Island Hospital; $325,000 for street and sidewalk repairs; $200,000 for repairs to bridges; $196,000 for repairs to Parkways, Improvement of Playgrounds and Rehabilitation of Franklin Park Zoo. Also included in these special appropriations is the sum of $525,000 for Contingent and Reserve funds, $312,000 as a so-called downpayment which is a prerequisite for borrowing of funds for construction of public ways and buildings.

The committee believes that Mayor Curley should press his efforts to obtain financial assistance from the Commonwealth in order to prevent an exorbitant increase in this year's tax rate.

In some instances, it appeared to the committee that the Mayor pared appropriations dangerously low. But the committee recognized the need for postponing all but the most essential undertakings in view of the threatened increase of seven dollars or more in the tax rate.

In view of all these facts, the committee unanimously recommends the adoption of the budget as submitted by the Mayor.

President HANNON commended Walter D. Bryan, Chairman, and the members of the Appropriations Committee for the dispatch with which they accomplished their task.

The report of the committee was accepted, and the question came on the passage of the budget as recommended by the committee.

Coun. COOK moved that $30,000 be cut from the A-1 item of the Boston Traffic Commission. The motion was lost, yeas 3, nays 13:

Yeas—Councilors Chase, Cook, Yerxa—3.

Nays—Councilors Beades, Bryan, Cantwell, Hannon, Hurley, Keenan, Kinsella, Linehan, McCormack, Ramsey, Shanley, Sullivan, Tracy—13.

Coun. LINEHAN moved that $16,800 be cut from the A-1 item of the Boston Traffic Commission. The motion was lost, yeas 5, nays 10:

Yeas—Councilors Cantwell, Chase, Cook, Linehan, Yerxa—5.

Nays—Councilors Bryan, Hannon, Hurley, Keenan, Kinsella, McCormack, Ramsey, Shanley, Sullivan, Tracy—10.

Coun. COOK moved that $50,000 be cut from the A-1 item, Fire Department. The motion was lost, yeas 2, nays 14:

Yeas—Councilors Chase, Cook—2.

Nays—Councilors Ansel, Beades, Bryan, Cantwell, Hannon, Hurley, Keenan, Kinsella, Linehan, McCormack, Ramsey, Sullivan, Tracy, Yerxa—14.

Coun. COOK moved that $50,000 be cut from the A-1 item of the Police Department. The motion was lost, yeas 2, nays 11:

Yeas—Councilors Chase, Cook—2.

Nays—Councilors Ansel, Bryan, Cantwell, Hannon, Hurley, Kinsella, Linehan, McCormack, Ramsey, Sullivan, Yerxa—11.

Coun. COOK moved that the following three items be cut from the Public Works Department budget: Ferry Service, A-1, $20,000; Paving Service, A-1, $16,000; Sanitary Service, A-1, $60,000. The motion was lost, yeas 2, nays 12:

Yeas—Councilors Chase, Cook—2.

Nays—Councilors Ansel, Bryan, Cantwell, Hannon, Hurley, Kinsella, Linehan, McCormack, Ramsey, Sullivan, Tracy, Yerxa—12.

Coun. COOK moved that Public Works Department, Bridge Service, B-39, be cut $25,000. The motion was lost, yeas 2, nays 13:

Yeas—Councilors Chase, Cook—2.

Nays—Councilors Ansel, Bryan, Cantwell, Hannon, Hurley, Kinsella, Linehan, McCormack, Ramsey, Shanley, Sullivan, Tracy, Yerxa—13.

Coun. COOK moved the following items in the Public Works Department be cut: Sanitary Division, B-19, $400,000; Sanitary Division, B-20, $130,000. The motion was lost, yeas 2, nays 14:

Yeas—Councilors Chase, Cook—2.

Nays—Councilors Ansel, Beades, Bryan, Hannon, Hurley, Keenan, Kinsella, Linehan, McCormack, Ramsey, Shanley, Sullivan, Tracy, Yerxa—14.

Coun. CHASE moved that a reduction of 10 per cent be made on Item B (Contractual Services) in the entire budget. The motion was lost, yeas 2, nays 13:

Yeas—Councilors Chase, Cook—2.

Nays—Councilors Ansel, Beades, Bryan, Cantwell, Hannon, Hurley, Keenan, Kinsella, Lane, Linehan, McCormack, Tracy, Yerxa—13.

Coun. McCORMACK in the chair.

Coun. CHASE moved a 10 per cent reduction in Item C (Equipment) in all the departments. The motion was defeated, yeas 3, nays 13:

Yeas—Councilors Chase, Linehan, Yerxa—3.

Nays—Councilors Ansel, Beades, Bryan, Cantwell, Hannon, Hurley, Keenan, Kinsella, Lane, McCormack, Ramsey, Shanley, Tracy—13.

Councilor Linehan doubted the presence of a quorum, and the Clerk called the roll:

Present—Councilors Ansel, Beades, Bryan, Cantwell, Chase, Hannon, Hurley, Keenan, Kinsella, Lane, Linehan, McCormack, Shanley, Sullivan, Tracy, Yerxa—16.

Coun. CHASE moved for a 10 per cent reduction in Item D (Supplies) in all departments. The motion was lost, yeas 3, nays 13:

Yeas—Councilors Chase, Linehan, Yerxa—3.

Nays—Councilors Ansel, Beades, Bryan, Cantwell, Hannon, Hurley, Keenan, Kinsella, McCormack, Ramsey, Shanley, Sullivan, Tracy—13.

President HANNON in the chair.

Coun. CHASE moved a 10 per cent reduction in Item E (Materials) in all departments. The motion was lost, yeas 3, nays 11:

Yeas—Councilors Chase, Linehan, Yerxa—3.

Nays—Councilors Ansel, Beades, Bryan, Cantwell, Hannon, Hurley, Kinsella, McCormack, Ramsey, Shanley, Tracy—11.

Coun. CANTWELL moved for the passage of the budget. The budget as submitted by the Mayor was passed, yeas 16, nays 1:

Yeas—Councilors Ansel, Beades, Bryan, Cantwell, Cook, Hannon, Hurley, Keenan, Kinsella, Linehan, McCormack, Ramsey, Shanley, Sullivan, Tracy, Yerxa—16.

Nays—Councilor Chase.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC LANDS.

Coun. TRACY, for the Committee on Public Lands, submitted the following:

Report on message of the Mayor and order (referred May 19, 1947) for sale of land on Canal street at upset price of $125,000—that same ought to pass.

The report was accepted, and the order was given its first reading and passage, yeas 17, nays 0:

Yeas—Councilors Ansel, Beades, Bryan, Cantwell, Chase, Cook, Hannon, Hurley, Keenan, Kinsella, Linehan, McCormack, Ramsey, Shanley, Sullivan, Tracy, Yerxa—17.

Nays—0.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON COUNTY ACCOUNTS.

Coun. SHANLEY, for the Committee on County Accounts, submitted the following:

Report on petition (referred March 1) of Arthur T. Stone, veteran, employed in House of Correction, Penal Institutions Department, for retirement, together with order—recommending that same ought to pass.

The report was accepted, and the order was passed.

VOTE OF THANKS TO CHAIRMAN BRYAN.

Coun. ANSEL moved that a rising vote of thanks be given to the Chairman of the Committee on Appropriations for a job well done.

The motion was carried unanimously.

CAMP McKAY IMPROVEMENTS.

Coun. HANNON offered the following:

Ordered, That the Boston Housing Authority be directed, through his Honor the Mayor, to arrange for the construction of streets and sidewalks in Camp McKay.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

CONGRATULATIONS ON ANNIVERSARY OF MR. AND MRS. WILLIAM KEENAN.

Coun. BEADES offered the following:

Resolved, That the Boston City Council, in meeting assembled, hereby extends its hearty congratulations and good wishes to Mr. and Mrs. William Keenan on the occasion of their fiftieth wedding anniversary, which was celebrated on March 13, 1948, and expresses the fervent prayer that Almighty God may grant them many more years of happiness and blessings; and that a copy of this resolution be sent to Mr. and Mrs. Keenan.

The resolution was adopted, under suspension of the rules.

ADDITIONAL SOCIAL SERVICE FIELD WORKERS.

Coun. HURLEY and SULLIVAN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Overseers of Public Welfare be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to appoint additional social service field workers to visit applicants for welfare and other types of assistance under the Welfare Department's jurisdiction for the purpose of expediting the completion of applications so that needy applicants will not be forced to endure undue hardship while waiting for an extended period for a social visitor to check their cases.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

INVESTIGATION OF UNLICENSED JUNK DEALERS.

Coun. HURLEY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Police Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to

investigate and prosecute those junk dealers who are not licensed to engage in the junk business.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

HEALTH CLINIC ON O STREET, SOUTH BOSTON.

Coun. WENZLER offered the following:

Ordered, That the Board of Health be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to make provisions for the opening of a Health Clinic in the South Boston Knights of Columbus Building on O street, South Boston.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

HEAD HOUSE PIER IMPROVEMENTS.

Coun. WENZLER offered the following:

Ordered, That the Trustees of the George Robert White Fund be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to expend sufficient income from the fund for the alteration, repair and placing in a suitable and safe condition the Head House Pier in South Boston for recreational purposes.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

RAPID TRANSIT TRAIN STOPS.

Coun. LINEHAN offered the following:

Whereas, The Metropolitan Transit Authority railway street cars and buses come to a stop before going across a bridge for the safety and protection of the passengers; and

Whereas, From time to time, people fall into the pits of rapid transit stations causing unfortunate deaths when rapid transit trains enter the said stations without first stopping, making it very dangerous to rescue said persons because of the speed of said trains; be it

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor request the Trustees of the Metropolitan Transit Authority to consider the advisability of adopting a rule which would compel all rapid transit trains to come to a stop before entering rapid transit stations.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

AMBULANCE SERVICE FOR WARD 22.

Coun. SHANLEY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Trustees of the Boston City Hospital be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to make a study of the Ward 22 section of Brighton with a view to placing an ambulance unit there for the convenience of the residents of Allston and Brighton.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to make a study of the Ward 22 section of Brighton with a view to placing an ambulance unit there for the convenience of the residents of Allston and Brighton.

Severally passed under suspension of the rules.

ADDITIONAL ARC LIGHT, WARD 22.

Coun. SHANLEY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Public Works Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to arrange for the installation of an arc light at the junction of Academy Hill road and Parkland street, Ward 22.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

Adjourned, on motion of Councilor Keenan, at 5.14 p. m., to meet on Monday, March 22, 1948, at 2 p. m.

Note: All debate of City Council eliminated from proceedings in accordance with Chapter 447, Acts of 1947.

(Stenographic copy of such debate on file in office of City Clerk.)

CITY OF BOSTON PRINTING DEPARTMENT

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of City Council.

Monday, March 22, 1948.

Regular meeting of the City Council held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 2 p. m., President HANNON in the chair. Absent, Councilor Lane.

The meeting was opened with the salute to the Flag.

REMOVAL OF CONSTABLE.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, March 16, 1948.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—This is to notify you that I have this day removed Charles A. Wood, of 869 Dorchester avenue, Dorchester, as a Constable of the City of Boston, he being disqualified because of nonpayment of premium on his bond.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Placed on file.

VETO OF ORDER RE WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, March 18, 1948.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I am returning herewith, disapproved, the proposed order passed by your Honorable Body on March 8, 1948, concerning the extension of the terms laborers, workmen, and mechanics, as used in that portion of the Workmen's Compensation Act applicable to the City of Boston and to the County of Suffolk.

My objections thereto are that, if I affixed my signature to the proposed order, because of the specific mention therein of chapter 403 of the Acts of 1936 there would be doubt whether the employees would enjoy the benefits of amendments to the Workmen's Compensation Act since 1936.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Placed on file.

VETO OF HOUSING DEVELOPMENT LOAN ORDERS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, March 16, 1948.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I return herewith, disapproved and without my signature, two orders passed by your Honorable Body on March 1, 1948, one authorizing the borrowing of $3,000,000 for housing development in South End, and the other for $4,000,000 for housing development in South Boston.

I am informed that approval of these orders would be ineffectual because the statutory authority limiting the amount which the City of Boston can borrow for housing development would be exceeded.

For the above reason, I veto the orders without prejudice.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Placed on file.

APPOINTMENT BY THE MAYOR.

Subject to confirmation by the Council, the Mayor submitted the appointment of Robert Kelly, 1 Ingleside street, Roxbury, as Constable of City of Boston, without power to serve civil process, and to serve without bond for the term ending April 30, 1948.

Referred to the Committee on Confirmations.

PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received and referred to the committee named, viz.:

Claims.

Joseph F. Adams, to be reimbursed as result of accident which occurred while in performance of duty.

Joseph F. Allen, for compensation for damage to car caused by an alleged defect at 783 Beacon street.

Frank W. Anderson, for compensation for damage to car caused by an alleged defect in Cliff street.

Gertrude E. Andon, for compensation for damage to car caused by an alleged defect in Huntington avenue.

Anna J. Bocchino, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at Parsons and Arlington streets.

Patricia A. Carey, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in Huntington avenue.

Checker Taxi Company, for compensation for damage to taxi caused by an alleged defect in Warren avenue.

Agnes Coakley, for compensation for damage to property at 21 Brook avenue, caused by defective maintenance of Moreland street.

Josephine Costagliola, for compensation for damage to car caused by an alleged defect in Cottage street.

Ruth E. Deares, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at South Market street and Faneuil Hall square.

Robert B. Drew, to be reimbursed as result of accident which occurred while in performance of duty.

Henry J. Ewing, to be reimbursed for accident which occurred while in performance of duty.

Feine Trimming Company, for compensation for damage to car caused by an alleged defect at Boylston and Kilmarnock streets.

Marion J. Fenlon, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in Tremont street.

John F. R. Hughes and Donald A. MacMillan, to be reimbursed for executions issued against them.

William P. Kelly, to be reimbursed as result of accident which occurred while in performance of duty.

William J. Kiley, for compensation for damage to car caused by an alleged defect in Massachusetts avenue.

Edmund P. Silk, for compensation for damage to car caused by an alleged defect at Hampden and Dudley streets.

Eugene W. Smith, Sr., for compensation for damage to car by car of Police Department.

Jacob Stone, for compensation for damage to taxi by fire apparatus.

Arthur J. Wright, to be reimbursed as result of accident which occurred while in performance of duty.

PERMIT FOR CHILDREN.

Petition for children under 15 years of age to appear at places of public amusement: Daniel D. Tierney, Jordan Hall, April 9.

Permit granted under usual conditions.

TRANSIENT VENDOR'S LICENSE.

The petition of Francesco A. Maglio, Jr., for transient vendor's license for sale of plants and flowers at 57 Brooks street, and at corner of London and Porter streets, East Boston was received.

License granted under usual conditions, and fee paid.

NOTICE FROM STATE BOARD OF HOUSING.

A communication was received from the State Board of Housing approving expenditure by city, acting through Housing Authority, of $2,380 for purchase of Ford station wagon to be used in connection with temporary housing projects at Columbia Village, Alsen Village, and Franklin Field.

Placed on file.

RECESS.

President HANNON declared a recess at 2.07 p. m. for the purpose of going into Executive Session. The members reassembled and were called to order by President HANNON at 2.16 p. m.

CLEANING OF STREETS, ALLEYS, ETC.

Coun. YERXA offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor direct the Public Works Commissioner, the Health Commissioner, the Park Commissioner, the Fire Commissioner, and the Real Estate Commissioners to take immediate steps to clean the streets and alleys and sidewalks under their jurisdiction, and to order those whose responsibility it is to clean other alleys and private ways.

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to inaugurate a "Clean Up Week" in the City of Boston, with signs posted in conspicuous places requesting all property owners to join with the city in remedying the filthy conditions existing on our streets, alleys, private ways, etc.

Severally passed under suspension of the rules.

PARTITION PLAN IN PALESTINE.

Coun. ANSEL and COOK offered the following:

Ordered, That the Boston City Council send a resolution to the President of the United States, Hon. Harry S. Truman, to Secretary of State George C. Marshall, and to the American Delegate to the United Nations, Hon. Warren Austin, urging that the American Government retain its original position favoring the partition plan in Palestine. It is felt that the partition plan will bring equitable rights to the oppressed Jews of the world and that said partition plan can solve the crisis of the Near East, and that, if properly implemented by the United Nations, it will prove to the world that all small nations can live together in the spirit of brotherhood and good will.

Referred to the Committee on Rules.

RESTORATION OF CAR STOPS, UPHAMS CORNER SECTION.

Coun. HANNON and RAMSEY offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to communicate with the Trustees of the Metropolitan Transit Authority relative to restoring the car stops recently changed in the Uphams Corner section of Dorchester, and to consider the advisability of constructing a safety island and shelters at the intersection of Hancock street and Columbia road, Dorchester.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

THREE-HOUR CLOSING BY MERCHANTS ON GOOD FRIDAY.

Coun. KEENAN offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor contact the Chamber of Commerce and request that they ask all merchants in Greater Boston to close between the hours of 12 and 3 p. m. on Good Friday.

Coun. COFFEY moved that the order be amended to read the Retail Trade Board instead of Chamber of Commerce, and the order as amended was passed under suspension of the rules.

CLEANING OF STREETS BEFORE EASTER.

Coun. KEENAN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Public Works Commissioner be requested through his Honor the Mayor to clean all the streets in the city before Easter.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

HEALTH UNIT FOR WEST ROXBURY.

Coun. BRYAN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Trustees of the George Robert White Fund be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to provide for a health unit in the West Roxbury section of Boston.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

KEEPING OF DISTRICT YARD EMPLOYEES IN OWN DISTRICTS FOR CLEANING OF STREETS.

Coun. SHANLEY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Public Works Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to keep all district yard employees in their own respective districts and to proceed at once with the cleaning up of all streets in Boston to eliminate what can very well be a health menace.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

AIR-CONDITIONING MACHINES, CITY HOSPITAL.

Coun. HURLEY and SULLIVAN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Trustees of the Boston City Hospital be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to prepare plans for the installation of air-conditioning machines in the cafeteria and dispensary.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

EXTENSION OF BENEFITS OF WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION.

Coun. LINEHAN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Mayor and City Council of Boston, acting as County Commissioners for Suffolk County, do hereby determine

under authority of section 69 of chapter 152 of the General Laws, as amended, and every other enabling authority, that the terms laborers, workmen, and mechanics, as used in sections 68-75, inclusive, of said chapter 152, as amended, shall include, in addition to those employees specifically included therein by section 69 of said chapter 152, as amended, all other employees of the County of Suffolk, except members of the police and fire forces, regardless of the nature of their work.

Ordered, That the City Council of Boston, acting for the City of Boston, does hereby determine under authority of section 69 of chapter 152 of the General Laws, as amended, and every other enabling authority, that the terms laborers, workmen, and mechanics, as used in sections 68-75, inclusive, of said chapter 152, as amended, shall include, in addition to those employees specifically included therein by section 69 of said chapter 152, as amended, all other employees of the City of Boston, except members of the police and fire forces, regardless of the nature of their work.

Severally passed under suspension of the rules.

BALL DIAMONDS, COLUMBUS PARK AND SOUTH BOSTON STADIUM.

Coun. LINEHAN offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor request the Park Commission to lay out and put in good playing condition the hard and softball diamonds on Columbus Park and the South Boston Stadium.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

LEGISLATIVE BILLS ON VETERANS AND LOW-INCOME HOUSING.

Coun. LINEHAN offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor request the Legislative Agent for the City of Boston to exert every effort to immediately secure favorable action on Massachusetts House Bills Nos. 1724, 1727, and 1728, pertaining to veterans housing and low-income housing.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

REDEPOSITS IN STATE-BOSTON RETIREMENT SYSTEM.

President HANNON offered the following:

Resolved, That the City Council of Boston hereby favors the enactment of legislation to permit the redeposit without interest in the State-Boston Retirement System, prior to January 1, 1949, of accumulated deductions withdrawn by teachers formerly in the Teachers Retirement System; provided that such legislation includes a referendum to the Mayor and City Council of Boston.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

ROPING OFF STREETS, REDDISH A. A. RACE.

Coun. CAREY, TRACY, and McCORMACK offered the following:

Ordered, That the City Messenger be authorized to rope off streets at the points necessary along the route of the annual road race of the Reddish A. A. to be conducted on Saturday, April 3, 1948, the expense of same to be charged to the appropriation for Flags, Ropes and Stakes.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

INVITATION TO EAMON de VALERA.

Coun. TRACY and SULLIVAN offered the following:

Ordered, That the President of the City Council invite former Prime Minister Eamon de Valera of Eire, who will be in Boston on Monday, March 29th, to attend the meeting of the Boston City Council on that day and to address our assembly, if same can be conveniently arranged.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

COMMENDATION OF C.Y.O. BANDS.

Coun. WENZLER offered the following:

Resolved, That the members of the Boston City Council in meeting asembled commend the C.Y.O. Bands for outstanding and meritorious performance at the annual March 17 parade.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

TRAFFIC SIGNALS AT CHARLESGATE WEST AND NEWBURY STREET.

Coun. YERXA offered the following:

Ordered, That the Traffic Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to install automatic traffic lights, equipped with pedestrian signals and push-button device, at Charlesgate West and Newbury street, Ward 5, to eliminate an extremely dangerous traffic hazard which exists at this location.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

TRAFFIC CONTROL AND IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, WARD 2.

Coun. KINSELLA offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to instruct the Law Department, the Street Commission, and the Traffic Department to institute negotiations with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for the purpose of acquiring the state-owned buildings at the corners of Chapman street and Rutherford avenue, in Ward 2, Boston, as a traffic control and improvement project in that area.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

OPENING OF COPELAND STREET PLAYGROUND.

Coun. COOK offered the following:

Ordered, That the Park Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to open the Copeland Street Playground, with proper supervision, for the use of the school children.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

NOTIFICATION OF ABUTTERS.

Coun. SHANLEY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Police Commissioner be requested through his Honor the Mayor, to notify all abutters, whether required by law to do so or not, before issuance of any permit for the establishment of any business for sale of secondhand articles, including automobiles, and be it further

Ordered, That the Corporation Counsel be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to

prepare legislation requiring notice and hearing to abutters before any such license is issued.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

PLAYGROUND FACILITIES AT FRANKLIN PARK.

Coun. TRACY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Park Commission be requested through his Honor the Mayor, to arrange for the establishment of playground facilities at Franklin Park for the use of children in compensation for the loss of such facilities due to the erection of the stadium in said area.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

Adjourned, on motion of Councilor Yerxa, at 3.29 p. m., to meet on Monday, March 29, 1948.

Note: All debate of City Council eliminated from proceedings in accordance with Chapter 447, Acts of 1947.

(Stenographic copy of such debate on file in office of City Clerk.)

CITY OF BOSTON PRINTING DEPARTMENT

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of City Council.

Monday, March 29, 1948.

Regular meeting of the City Council held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 2 p. m., President HANNON in the chair. Absent, Councilors Hurley and Lane.

The meeting was opened with the salute to the Flag.

REMOVAL OF THOMAS J. RILEY AS CONSTABLE.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, March 23, 1948.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—This is to notify you that I have this day removed Thomas J. Riley, of 17 Mt. Vernon street, Charlestown, Mass., as a Constable of the City of Boston, he being disqualified because of nonpayment of premium on his bond.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Placed on file.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR.

Subject to confirmation by the Council, the Mayor submitted the following:

Weighers of Goods, for term ending April 30, 1948: Paul F. Moran, 2227 Centre street, West Roxbury; Howard A. White, 1472 Centre street, Roslindale; John A. Dunton, Sr., 15 Atkins street, Brighton; John A. Dunton, Jr., 15 Atkins street, Brighton; George M. O'Kane, 5 Village street, Somerville; Walter A. McDermott, Jr., 78 Aldie street, Allston; John W. Fraize, 53 Kendall street, Framingham; Charles A. Brandin, 18 Dix terrace, Waltham; William P. Ferriter, 8 Lyman terrace, Waltham; John J. Delaney, 15 Wiltshire road, Newton; James H. Muldoon, 30 Ricker road, Newton.

Severally referred to Committee on Confirmations.

TRAFFIC SIGNALS AT EDWARD EVERETT SQUARE.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, March 22, 1948.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I transmit herewith communicaton from the Traffic Commissioner relative to your order of February 9, 1948, concerning the installation of traffic signals at Edward Everett square.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Traffic Commission, March 18, 1948.

Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Sir,—In reply to the Council order submitted by Councilor Linehan, dated February 9, 1948, please be advised that this Commission is giving consideration to the installation of traffic signals at Edward Everett square.

The engineers do not believe that Andrew square could be sufficiently controlled by traffic signals.

Respectfully submitted,
LEO F. CURLEY, Commissioner.

Placed on file.

CONSTRUCTION OF SAFETY ISLANDS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, March 24, 1948.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I transmit herewith communication from the General Manager of the Metropolitan Transit Authority relative to your order dated February 2, 1948, concerning the construction of safety islands at all stops along the Egleston Square-Mattapan line for the protection of street car commuters.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Metropolitan Transit Authority.
March 18, 1948.

Mr. J. Joseph Connors,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.

Dear Mr. Connors,—The request by letter of February 4, 1948, in regard to the construction of safety islands at all stops along the Egleston Square-Mattapan line has been studied and the cost involved would be $870,100. The Board of Trustees of the Authority do not believe that such a heavy expenditure is justified at the present time.

Very truly yours,
EDWARD DANA,
General Manager.

Placed on file.

CLEANING OF STREETS, ALLEYS, ETC., BY FIRE DEPARTMENT.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, March 29, 1948.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I beg to submit herewith report of the Fire Commissioner with reference to an order submitted by your Honorable Body by Councilman Yerxa.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Fire Department, March 25, 1948.

Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Sir,—I am in receipt of a City Council order requesting that his Honor the Mayor direct the Public Works Commissioner, the Park Commissioner, the Fire Commissioner and the Real Estate Commissioners to take immediate steps to clean the streets and alleys and sidewalks under their jurisdiction and to order those whose responsibility it is to clean other alleys and private ways.

I am well aware of the unclean condition of the city streets and alleys, particularly in some areas where the accumulation of garbage and rubbish is a distinct menace to public health.

However, I do not think it would be practical for the Fire Department to attempt to undertake the task of cleaning streets and alleys. The department lacks the proper equipment to do this kind of work. Also, present limited manpower would be further reduced by taking men out of the fire stations thereby reducing our working personnel to a dangerously low level.

It seems to me that the matter of keeping the streets clean is properly within and under the jurisdiction of the Public Works Department.

Respectfully yours,
RUSSELL S. CODMAN, JR.
Fire Commissioner.

Placed on file.

REPLACING OF ALSEN PLAYGROUND.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, March 24, 1948.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I transmit herewith communication from the Chairman of the Park De-

partment relative to your order dated March 8, 1948, concerning the advisability of taking land adjacent to Victory road for playground purposes, to replace the Alsen Playground which was taken over for veterans' housing, leaving no facilities for the youth of the neighborhood.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Park Department, March 22, 1948.

J. Joseph Connors,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.

Dear Sir,—In answer to your memorandum, with enclosure, City Council order, dated March 8, 1948, requesting the Park Commission to look into the advisability of taking land adjacent to Victory road for playground purposes, to replace the Alsen Playground which was taken over for veterans' housing, leaving no facilities for the youth of the neighborhood, I wish to report as follows:

The Alsen Playground on Victory road was taken over as a temporary veterans' housing development in 1946. It is being utilized for such purposes, except the small area on the easterly side of the playground. The housing development was supposed to be for a period of approximately five years. It has brought many hundreds of additional families, with children, to the district. This district now is probably not fully covered with playground facilities.

The nearest all-purpose playground is the Gibson Playground at Dorchester and Geneva avenues, which is four tenths of a mile away. It can be reached only by crossing two heavily traveled highways. The area that could be developed for younger children is located on Everett and Elm streets, one quarter of a mile distant.

There is an area on the opposite side of Victory road, privately owned, and containing about three acres, that has possibilities of developing into a medium-size playground. Even this area is not wide enough for a regulation ball game. The land would have to be bought, although the assessed valuation is low. The area would have to be drained, filled, graded, surfaced and fenced. To do all this would require a considerable expenditure of money for development. Considering that the housing development on the present playground is only temporary, the condition of the finances at the present time would make it warrant serious consideration.

I do feel, however, that consideration should be given by the housing development of the development of a young children's playground within its present leased area on the easterly side adjacent to Victory road. Any addition to the playground facilities in the district on adjacent land would mean that when the temporary housing development is abandoned, the city would have two fair-size playgrounds adjacent, with a street in between them.

Very truly yours,
JOHN J. MURPHY, Chairman.

Placed on file.

PLAYGROUND FACILITIES AT FRANKLIN PARK.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, March 29, 1948.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I transmit herewith communication from the Chairman of the Park Department relative to your order of March 22, 1948, concerning the establishment of playground facilities at Franklin Park for the use of children in compensation for the loss of such facilities due to the erection of the stadium in said area.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Park Department, March 26, 1948.

J. Joseph Connors,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.

Dear Sir,—In answer to your memorandum, with enclosure, City Council order requesting that the Park Commission, through his Honor the Mayor, arrange for the establishment of playground facilities at Franklin Park for the use of children in compensation for the loss of such facilities due to the erection of the stadium in said area, I wish to report as follows:

A portion of the Playstead area in Franklin Park is to be used for a schoolboy stadium. The balance of the area, totaling about ten acres, last year was used as a public vegetable garden.

We are now faced with the problem of the return of those recreation areas for children which were used for vegetable gardens last year.

I favor, first, the youngsters, but I appreciate, too, that there is a demand by the farmers for gardening. I would appreciate hearing from Councilor Tracy and the other City Councilors whose wards border on Franklin Park, what the sentiment is of the people in these wards.

Very truly yours,
JOHN J. MURPHY, Chairman.

Placed on file.

EXCHANGE OF LAND IN REAR OF MAPES STREET.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, March 29, 1948.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I transmit herewith communication from the Chairman of the Park Department relative to the exchange of land in the rear of Mapes street, Dorchester, for the purpose of straightening the boundary line between the Alsen Playground, Dorchester, and the rear of the property of Israel Garmon, 9 Lester street, Dorchester.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Park Department, March 26, 1948.

Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Sir,—In 1934 this department agreed with Israel Garmon of 9 Lester street, Dorchester, to make an exchange of land in the rear of Mapes street for the purpose of straightening the boundary line between the Alsen Playground, Dorchester, and the rear of his property.

Under the agreement, Mr. Garmon would deed to the City of Boston approximately 12,772 square feet, and the city would deed to Mr. Garmon 11,236 square feet. The parcels of land to be exchanged are adjacent, are of the same value and all rear land with no frontage on any street.

I now find that this exchange of land was never consummated. The owner of record today is Edith Garmon, who is a relative of Mr. Garmon.

At the present time the Alsen Playground is used and occupied by the Housing Authority for temporary houses for veterans. Fences have been erected by the Housing Authority along the northerly boundary line of what everybody thought was the newly established line. Certain other structures of the Authority may be on land within the area of the 1934 exchange that was not finally carried out.

I have now agreed with Mr. Garmon, for Edith Garmon, to make this exchange of land in the proper legal way so that the northerly line will be a straight line and the 1934 agreed

line will be made legal. I feel that it is very important that this be done at once.

I would recommend that the necessary papers be submitted to the City Council for its approval and for your approval to make this transaction legal.

I enclose four copies of an order prepared by the Law Department, whereby the City Council and you may authorize a mutual exchange of land.

Respectfully yours,
JOHN J. MURPHY, Chairman.

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Whereas, The City of Boston owns in fee approximately 450,848 square feet of land situated between Victory road and Park street in the Dorchester district; and

Whereas, This parcel of land is in the control of the Park Department for playground purposes; and

Whereas, Edith Garmon owns certain properties situate on Mapes street, Dorchester district, adjacent to the city's playground; and

Whereas, The property division line between said city property and said Garmon property is highly irregular; and

Whereas, The Board of Park Commissioners and Edith Garmon mutually agree that the said property line should be straightened and that the following-described parcels of property should be exchanged; now therefore it is hereby

Ordered, That the Board of Park Commissioners with the approval of his Honor the Mayor of the City of Boston be, and they hereby are, authorized in the name and behalf of the City of Boston to grant to Edith Garmon, her heirs and assigns by an instrument in writing satisfactory in form to the Law Department of the City of Boston all the City of Boston's right, title and interest in and to parcels "A" and "C" hereinafter described in consideration of Edith Garmon granting to the City of Boston by an instrument in writing satisfactory in form to the Law Department of the City of Boston all Edith Garmon's right, title and interest in and to parcel "B" hereinafter described; and it is hereby further

Ordered, That the parcel of land ("B") to be granted to the City of Boston by Edith Garmon shall upon delivery to the City of Boston be placed in the charge and control of the Park Department for playground purposes.

The above-referred-to parcels of land are bounded and described as follows:

Parcel "A."

Beginning at a point forty-three and 75-100 (43.75) feet distant from the southeasterly side line of Park street and opposite to Clayton street; thence running northeasterly thirty-three and 91-100 (33.91) feet; thence turning and running southeasterly by five measurements, one hundred one and 52-100 (101.52) feet, thirty-nine and 48-100 (39.48) feet, one hundred twenty-three and 23-100 (123.23) feet, seventy-six and 57-100 (76.57) feet, and six and 05-100 (6.05) feet; thence turning and running northwesterly three hundred twenty-one and 92-100 (321.92) feet to the point of beginning, containing eight thousand four hundred thirty-six (8,436) square feet of land, more or less.

Parcel "B."

Beginning at a point three hundred sixty-five and 67-100 (365.67) feet distant from the southeasterly side line of Park street and opposite to Clayton street; thence running southeasterly one hundred ninety and 54-100 (190.54) feet; thence turning and running southwesterly by three measurements, ten (10.00) feet, forty-seven and 12-100 (47.12) feet, and forty-six and 91-100 (46.91) feet; thence turning and running northwesterly ninety-three and 81-100 (93.81) feet; thence turning and running northerly by two measurements, thirty-three and 74-100 (33.74) feet, and seventy-two and 45-100 (72.45) feet to the point of beginning, containing twelve thousand seven hundred seventy-two (12,772) square feet of land, more or less.

Parcel "C."

Beginning at a point five hundred fifty-six and 21-100 (556.21) feet distant from the southeasterly side line of Park street opposite Clayton street; thence running northeasterly forty (40.00) feet; thence turning and running southeasterly seventy (70.00) feet; thence turning and running southwesterly forty (40.00) feet; thence turning and running northwesterly seventy (70.00) feet to the point of beginning, containing two thousand eight hundred (2,800) square feet of land, more or less.

The above-described parcels of land "A," "B," and "C" and all of said measurements are shown on a plan marked "City of Boston, Mapes Street, Dorchester, March 22, 1948, Thomas F. McGovern, Chief Engineer, Street Laying-Out Department." The original of said plan is on file in the office of the Street Laying-Out Department, City Hall, Boston, Massachusetts.

Referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

TRANSFER OF LAND IN DOHERTY PLAYGROUND TO WHITE FUND.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, March 24, 1948.

To the Honorable City Council.

Gentlemen,—I transmit herewith an order for the transfer of approximately 1.50 acres of land within Ensign John J. Doherty Jr. Playground, Charlestown Heights, to the City of Boston-George Robert White Fund. Accompanying this order are communications from the Manager of the George Robert White Fund and the Chairman of the Board of Park Commissioners relative to the transfer of this land.

The Trustees of the City of Boston-George Robert White Fund have voted to establish in this location at a cost of approximately $350,000-$400,000 a work of public utility and beauty consisting of a swimming pool, bath house and bleachers.

Charlestown is bordered on three sides by water, Boston Harbor, Charles River and the Mystic River. Yet, the inhabitants have not a single public beach upon which to bathe. The waters boundng Charlestown are for the most part devoted to commercial and industrial uses and have become polluted and thereby unsafe and dangerous to the health of persons bathing therein. Dewey Beach adjacent to the Doherty Playground and lying between Medford street and the Mystic River, the last of the public bathing beaches in Charlestown has been closed by order of the Board of Health.

I recommend consideration and passage of the enclosed order by your Honorable Body.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
George Robert White Fund,
March 22, 1948.

To the Honorable Mayor and City Council.

Gentlemen,—The City of Boston-George Robert White Fund acting by and through the Trustees designated in the fourteenth clause of the will of George Robert White and having the control and management of said fund on March 18, 1948, passed the following vote:

Voted, That for the purpose of the establishment of a swimming pool, bath house and bleachers by the City of Boston-George Robert White Fund the Trustees have selected a site containing one and one-half (1½) acres of land situated in the Doherty Heights Play-

ground, bounded by Bunker Hill street, St. Martin street and Medford street, Charlestown.

The City of Boston-George Robert White Fund requests that the City of Boston transfer said land to the City of Boston-George Robert White Fund.

The City of Boston-George Robert White Fund offers to the City of Boston the sum of nineteen thousand five hundred (19,500) dollars as the fair cash value of said land.

The Manager of the City of Boston-George Robert White Fund is directed to communicate this request and offer to the Mayor and City Council and to the Board of Park Commissioners of the City of Boston.

Very truly yours,
JAMES J. MCCARTHY, Manager.

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City of Boston,
Park Department, March 23, 1948.

To the Honorable Mayor and City Council.

Gentlemen,—The Board of Park Commissioners of the City of Boston have been informed that the Trustees of the City of Boston-George Robert White Fund at a meeting held on Thursday, March 18, 1948, have selected as a site for the establishment of a project consisting of a swimming pool, bleachers and bath house a parcel of land containing approximately 1.50 acres, being a part of the Ensign John J. Doherty Jr. Playground, Bunker Hill and Medford streets, Charlestown Heights. The Trustees of the City of Boston-George Robert White Fund request that this area of land be transferred to the George Robert White Fund and have offered to the City of Boston the sum of $19,500 as the fair cash value of said land.

The Board of Park Commissioners of the City of Boston on March 23, 1948, voted that this Board recommends that the request and offer of the City of Boston-George Robert White Fund be accepted and further recommends that the selected area of land be tranferred to the City of Boston-George Robert White Fund for the sum of $19,500, the fair cash value thereof.

Very truly yours,
Board of Park Commissioners,
JOHN J. MURPHY, Chairman.

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Whereas, The City of Boston owns in fee a public park and playground known as the Ensign John J. Doherty Jr. Playground situated on Bunker Hill and Medford streets, Charlestown Heights, containing approximately 6.10 acres; and

Whereas, The City of Boston-George Robert White Fund has selected within the Ensign John J. Doherty Jr. Playground an area of approximately 1.50 acres of land as a site for the establishment of a project consisting of a swimming pool, bath house and bleachers by the George Robert White Fund and has requested that the said parcel of land be transferred by the City of Boston to the City of Boston-George Robert White Fund and offered to the City of Boston the sum of $19,500 as the fair cash value of said land; and

Whereas, The Board of Park Commissioners of the City of Boston recommends that the request and offer of the City of Boston-George Robert White Fund be accepted and that the selected parcel of land be transferred to the City of Boston-George Robert White Fund for the sum of $19,500, the fair cash value of said land; now therefore it is hereby

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor of the City of Boston be, and he hereby is, authorized in the name and behalf of the City of Boston to transfer to the City of Boston-George Robert White Fund by an instrument in writing satisfactory in form to the Law Department of the City of Boston a parcel of land within Ensign John J. Doherty Jr. Playground, Charlestown Heights, containing approximately 1.50 acres for the purpose of the establishment of a project consisting of a swimming pool, bath house and bleachers on said land by the George Robert White Fund and upon the consideration of the payment to the City of Boston by the George Robert White Fund of the sum of $19,500, the fair cash value of said land. The parcel of land to be transferred is shown on a plan marked "Land in Ensign John J. Doherty Jr. Playground belonging to City of Boston, Park Department." "City of Boston, Bunker Hill Street, Medford Street, Charlestown, March 22, 1948, Thomas F. McGovern, Chief Engineer, Street Laying-Out Department." The original of said plan is on file in the office of the Street Laying-Out Department, City Hall, Boston.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION FOR SNOW REMOVAL.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, March 29, 1948.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I am in receipt of the attached communication from the Commissioner of Public Works requesting an additional appropriation of $500,000 for snow removal, necessary because of unprecedented conditions which existed during the past winter. In compliance with this request there is forwarded herewith an order appropriating the sum of $500,000 for snow removal.

Immediate consideration and adoption of this order by your Honorable Body is recommended.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Public Works Department,
March 26, 1948.

Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Mr. Mayor,—Because of the unprecedented conditions which existed during the past winter, the expenditures, on account of snow removal, have exceeded the amount of money which was made available for the purpose.

It is necessary at this time to ask for an additional appropriation, and with that in mind, I respectfully request that your Honor submit to the City Council an order for appropriating an additional sum of $500,000 for snow removal.

I feel that this amount will be sufficient to cover our current needs.

Respectfully yours,
ROBERT P. CURLEY,
Commissioner of Public Works.

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Ordered, That the sum of five hundred thousand dollars ($500,000) be, and the same hereby is, appropriated for snow removal, said sum to be raised by taxes on the polls and estates in the City of Boston, and that all orders heretofore or hereafter passed by the City Council relating to appropriations, taxes, and the interest thereon, apply to the appropriations and taxes herein provided for.

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

TRANSFER OF $1,000 TO SUPREME JUDICIAL COURT.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, March 29, 1948.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—There is forwarded herewith an order transferring the sum of $1,000 from the County of Suffolk Contingent Fund to the budget of the Supreme Judicial Court, in order that a bill for the services of a Master assigned by the court may be paid. It is practically impossible to estimate the amount necessary for payments of this nature when submitting the budget, because of the un-

certainty of the number of cases which may be assigned for hearings before masters.

Consideration and adoption of the abovementioned order, by your Honorable Body is recommended.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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Ordered, That in accordance with the provisions of section 3B of chapter 486 of the Acts of 1909, as amended by chapter 604 of the Acts of 1941, the City Auditor be, and hereby is, authorized to transfer:

From the appropriation for County of Suffolk, Contingent Fund, $1,000, to the appropriation for Supreme Judicial Court, B-35, Fees, Service of Venires, etc. $1,000.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

TRANSFER FROM PARKMAN FUND INCOME.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, March 29, 1948.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I am in receipt of the attached communication from the Board of Park Commissioners requesting the appropriation of $38,000 from the income of the George F. Parkman Fund, to be expended under the direction of the Board of Park Commissioners, for the Maintenance and Improvement of the Common and Parks in Existence on January 12, 1887.

The 1948 budget estimates of the personal service requirements of the Park Department included an estimate of the total income of $170,000 from the Parkman Fund. The budget allowances made provision for the appropriation of this income as it accrued for the purpose of defraying the cost of work actually performed on the Common and Parks in Existence on January 12, 1887.

I submit herewith an order appropriating the sum of $38,000, the accrued income now available from the Parkman Fund, and respectfully recommend its immediate passage by your Honorable Body.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Park Department, March 26, 1948.

Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Sir,—By vote of the Board of Park Commissioners, you are respectfully asked to request the City Council to transfer from the income of the George F. Parkman Fund the sum of $38,000, which is now available, to be expended under the direction of the Board of Park Commissioners, as follows:

Common and Parks in Existence on January 12, 1887, Maintenance and Improvement of..... $38,000

When making up the budget estimates for the year 1948, a sum equal to the total yearly income of the George F. Parkman Fund was deducted from Item A-1, Permanent Employees, with the understanding that this deduction was to be replaced by the total yearly income of said Parkman Fund for 1948, to be transferred as it accrued from time to time during the year to the regular maintenance appropriation of the Park Department.

Respectfully yours,
JOHN J. MURPHY, Chairman.

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Ordered, That the sum of $38,000 be, and hereby is, appropriated from the income of the George F. Parkman Fund, to be expended under the direction of the Park Commissioners, for the Maintenance and Improvement of the Common and Parks in Existence on January 12, 1887, as follows:

Common and Parks in Existence on January 12, 1887, Maintenance and Improvement of..... $38,000

Referred to the Committee on Parkman Fund.

LOCATION OF BUILDINGS OVER SEWER.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, March 29, 1948.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I am in receipt of the attached communication from the Commissioner of Public Works regarding application for permission to locate buildings over a City of Boston sewer in private lands between Ashby street and Granby street, in the Back Bay, and respectfully recommend its immediate passage by your Honorable Body.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Public Works Department,
March 26, 1948.

Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Mr. Mayor,—Boston University, through its President, Dr. Daniel L. Marsh, has made an application for permission to locate buildings over a City of Boston sewer in private lands between Ashby street and Granby street, in the Back Bay.

As far as this department is concerned, there are no objections to the city's complying with this request. I have been informed by the Corporation Counsel that it will be necessary for the City Council to pass an order authorizing your Honor to execute an instrument of license.

The Law Department has prepared an order, for submission to the City Council, and I enclose four copies of this order, with the suggestion that your Honor present it to the City Council for appropriate action.

In connection with this matter, I also enclose a letter of request from Doctor Marsh, addressed to me, under date of March 6, 1948, and letter which Doctor Marsh wrote to your Honor, under the same date; also a letter from Attorney Katheryn Keene, addressed to your Honor, under date of March 11, 1948.

Respectfully yours,
ROBERT P. CURLEY,
Commissioner of Public Works.

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Whereas, By a written instrument dated April 17, 1900, the River Bank Improvement Company granted to the City of Boston all its right, title and interest in and to a certain sewer located in private lands on Bay State road and Commonwealth avenue and running from Ashby street to Granby street; and

Whereas, The Trustees of Boston University, a corporation organized under the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts is the owner of said private lands subject to the aforesaid sewer easement and is desirous of erecting and maintaining buildings over said sewer; now therefore, it is hereby

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor of the City of Boston be, and he hereby is, authorized, in the name and behalf of the City of Boston, in consideration of one dollar to be paid to the City of Boston by the Trustees of Boston University, to execute and deliver to the Trustees of Boston University an instrument of license, in form satisfactory to the Law Department of the City of Boston, whereby the Trustees of Boston University are authorized to erect and maintain a building or buildings over said sewer in accordance with plans approved as to location and

construction of any building or buildings by the Commissioner of Public Works of the City of Boston, and wherein the City of Boston reserves the right to enter upon the said building or buildings at all times for the purpose of maintaining, operating, repairing and reconstructing said sewer or any other municipal structure therein.

Referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received and referred to the committees named, viz.:

Claims.

Francis A. Costello, to be reimbursed as result of accident which occurred while in performance of duty.

Anthony S. Costa, for compensation for damage to property caused by an alleged defect at 27 Bower street.

Jean T. Crawford, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at Tremont street and Massachusetts avenue.

Ralph A. Currier, for compensation for loss of eyeglasses at City Hospital.

Marion G. Douglass, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in Congress street.

Wentworth A. Ernst, for compensation for damage to car caused by snowplow.

Emily Farrell, for compensation for damage to fence at 19 Mallon road, caused by snowplow.

Estella M. Fox, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at Walbridge street and Brainerd road.

Francis W. Gallagher, to be reimbursed as result of accident which occurred while in performance of duty.

C. P. Gibbons, for compensation for damage to car by Fire Department truck.

Albert L. Grahn, for compensation for damage to car by snowplow.

Mrs. Charles E. Hughes, for compensation for damage to property at 8 Ludlow street, caused by balls thrown from playground.

Charles P. Hurley, for compensation for damage to car caused by an alleged defect at Brookline avenue and Park Drive.

Helen A. Hynes, for compensation for injuries caused by ambulance of Public Buildings Department.

Edward Irwin, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at 1059 Tremont street.

Martha Kurapotkin, for compensation for damage to property at 10 Amory terrace, caused by broken water hydrant.

Louis C. LaBella, for compensation for damage to car by city vehicle.

Sidney A. Matthews, for compensation for damage to car by fire truck.

Mrs. J. Edwin Mitchell, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in Exeter street,

J. Julian Mogel, to be reimbursed for damage to car caused by being sprayed with paint while driving through Sumner Tunnel.

Walter F. Murray, for compensation for damage to car by snowplow.

Arthur C. O'Neil, for compensation for damage to car caused by an alleged defect at 511 Atlantic avenue.

John A. O'Neil, for compensation for damage to car caused by an alleged defect at 2078 Washington street, Roxbury.

Bruce A. Stevens, for compensation for damage to car caused by an alleged defect in Columbus avenue.

Delia Walsh, for compensation for injuries caused by an ambulance of Public Buildings Department.

Delia Walsh, for compensation for injuries sustained by husband, caused by ambulance of Public Buildings Department.

Clarence D. Wilson, for compensation for damage to car by car of Fire Department.

Jacob Zang, for compensation for damage to car by city truck.

Committee on Licenses.

Petition of National League Baseball Club for Sunday sports at Braves Field.

Coun. COFFEY moved that the petition of the Boston American League Baseball Club (referred to the Executive Committee March 15) for license for Sunday sports at Fenway Park be withdrawn from the Executive Committee and referred to the Committee on Licenses. The motion was defeated.

PERMITS FOR CHILDREN.

Permits for children under fifteen years of age to appear at places of public amusement were received, viz.:

Edward Bendekgey, Jordan Hall, April 18.
Mario Paporello, Jordan Hall, June 4.

Permits granted under usual conditions.

APPOINTMENT OF JOHN T. O'DEA, JR.

Notice was received from the Mayor of appointment of John T. O'Shea, Jr., 27 Eliot street, Jamaica Plain, to be a member of Board of Street Commissioners for term ending first Monday in January, 1951.

Placed on file.

INTEREST IN CONTRACT.

Notice was received from J. J. Benkert, member of Housing Authority, of interest in contract of J. J. Benkert Company in order for street cleaning issued by Park Department.

Placed on file.

NOTICE OF HEARING.

Notice was received from the Department of Public Utilities of hearing to be held at Lorimer Hall, Tremont Temple Building, Tuesday, March 30, at 10.30 a. m., on petition of Metropolitan Transit Authority to extend system to Quincy and Braintree.

Placed on file,

COMMUNICATION FROM RETAIL TRADE BOARD.

A communication was received from the Retail Trade Board regretting that communication *re* closing of retail stores for three hours on Good Friday was received too late to be given fullest consideration.

Placed on file.

SALE OF LAND ON CANAL STREET.

President HANNON called up, under unfinished business, No. 1 on the calendar, viz.:

1. Order for sale of land on Canal street, at public auction at an upset price of $125,000.

On March 15, 1948, the said order was read once and passed, yeas 17, nays 0.

On motion of Councilor Cofley the order was referred to the Executive Committee.

RECESS.

President HANNON declared a recess at 2.20 p. m. for the purpose of going into Executive Session. The members reassembled and were called to order by President HANNON at 2.40 p. m.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Coun. McCORMACK, for the Executive Committee, submitted the following:

1. Report on message of Mayor and order (referred today) for transfer of $1,000 from

County of Suffolk Contingent Fund to Supreme Judicial Court, B-35, Fees, Service of Venires, etc—that same ought to pass.

The report was accepted, and the order was passed, yeas, 18, nays 0:

Yeas—Councilors Ansel, Beades, Bryan, Cantwell, Chase, Coffey, Cook, Hannon, Keenan, Kinsella, Lanigan, Linehan, McCormack, Ramsey, Shanley, Sullivan, Tracy, Yerxa—18.

Nays—0.

2. Report on petition of Boston American League Baseball Club (referred March 15) for license for Sunday sports at Fenway Park, March 15, 1948, to March 15, 1949—recommending reference to Committee on Licenses.

The report was accepted, and the matter was referred to the Committee on Licenses.

3. Report on message of Mayor and order (referred today) transferring 1.50 acres of land within Ensign John J. Doherty Jr. Playground, Charlestown Heights, to George Robert White Fund for $19,500 for erection of swimming pool, bath house and bleachers—recommending that same ought to pass.

The report was accepted, and the question came on giving the order its first reading.

The order was given its first reading and passage, yeas 18, nays 0:

Yeas—Councilors Ansel, Beades, Bryan, Cantwell, Chase, Coffey, Cook, Hannon, Keenan, Kinsella, Lanigan, Linehan, McCormack, Ramsey, Shanley, Sullivan, Tracy, Yerxa—18.

Nays—0.

On motion of Councilor Kinsella, the order was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RULES.

Coun. KEENAN, for the Committee on Rules, submitted the following:

Report on order (referred March 22) urging American government to retain its original position on partition plan in Palestine—that same ought to pass.

The report was accepted, and the order was passed.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONFIRMATIONS.

Coun. ANSEL, for the Committee on Confirmations, submitted the following:

Report on appointment by the Mayor of Robert Kelly, 1 Ingleside street, Roxbury (referred March 22), as Constable without power to serve civil process and to serve without bond for term ending April 30, 1948—recommending confirmation of appointment.

The report was accepted, and the question came on confirmation. Committee, Councilors Shanley and Tracy. Whole number of ballots 18, yeas 16, nays 2, and the appointment was confirmed.

On motion of Councilor Cook confirmation of the appointment was reconsidered.

On motion of Councilor Cook the appointment was recommitted to the Committee on Confirmations.

LOAN OF $1,000,000 FOR INSTALLATION OF ELECTRIC ARC LAMPS.

Coun. SHANLEY offered the following:

Ordered, That the sum of one million dollars ($1,000,000) be, and hereby is, appropriated, to be expended under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works, for the installation of electric arc lamps to replace the present gas lamps in the city and to meet said expense the City Treasurer be authorized to issue bonds or certificates of indebtedness at the request of the Mayor.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

INCINERATOR ON SPECTACLE ISLAND.

Coun. SHANLEY offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor consider the advisability of directing the Commissioner of Public Works to prepare plans for the erection of an incinerator on Spectacle Island.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

TEMPORARY HELP TO CLEAN STREETS.

Coun. SHANLEY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be directed, through his Honor the Mayor, to hire temporary help to clean up the streets of Boston which are in a deplorable condition and which are a health menace to Boston residents.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

ESTABLISHMENT OF PLAYGROUND IN WARD 17 BY WHITE FUND.

Coun. KEENAN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Trustees of the George Robert White Fund be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to use $40,000 from the income of the George Robert White Fund or some other source for the establishment of a playground at the corner of Gallivan Boulevard and Washington street, Ward 17, on land owned by the City of Boston.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

OPPOSITION TO BIRTH CONTROL BILL.

Coun. KEENAN offered the following:

Resolved, That the City Council of the City of Boston, in meeting assembled, hereby expresses its strong opposition to the passage by the Massachusetts Legislature of the so-called birth control bill, or any similar bill which is in violation of the supreme supernatural law.

Referred to the Committee on Legislative Matters.

APPROPRIATION FOR CONSTRUCTION OF SIDEWALKS.

Coun. BEADES, KEENAN and BRYAN offered the following:

Ordered, That under the authority of chapter 44 of the General Laws, section 7, Appendix 5, his Honor the Mayor be requested to appropriate $150,000 for the construction of granolithic sidewalks on streets which already have a macadamized surface and on which no provision has been made for sidewalks.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

REPLACEMENT OF GAS LAMPS IN WARD 16.

Coun. BEADES offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to immediately instruct the Street Lighting Division to replace all gas lamps in the Ward 16 section of Dorchester which were knocked down, as a result of which many streets have been without proper lighting facilities, which condition can be directly blamed for the increase in crime in this particular section.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

FELICITATIONS TO POSTMASTER CONNELLY.

Coun. ANSEL and RAMSEY offered the following:

Resolved, That the Boston City Council, in meeting assembled, hereby extends its hearty felicitations to Hon. Patrick J. Connelly, Postmaster of Boston, upon his coming retirement from the Federal postal service, and whose zealous efforts and human qualities were ably exhibited as Postmaster of Boston; and be it further

Resolved, That the Boston City Council wishes him continued health and happiness which he so richly deserves.

The resolutions were unanimously adopted.

OPPOSITION TO PAYMENT BY CITY OF COST OF FINANCE COMMISSION INVESTIGATION.

Coun. ANSEL and BEADES offered the following:

Ordered, That the Boston City Council hereby urges the members of the Massachusetts General Court to defeat any attempt to saddle the taxpayers of Boston with the proposed cost of $150,000 for the investigation of the City of Boston by the Beston Finance Commission; and if a bill for such an investigation is to be passed by the Legislature the cost of same should be borne by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

REOPENING OF MONKEY HOUSE AT ZOO.

Coun. McCORMACK, ANSEL and TRACY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Park Commission be requested through his Honor the Mayor, to reopen the monkey house at the Franklin Park zoo.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

GUARDS AT AIRPORT.

Coun. COFFEY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Governor of the Commonwealth be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to replace the State Police officers at the airport with the guards who were formerly there and to give said guards the same authority which the State House Police have.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

PLAYGROUND FACILITIES AT FRANKLIN PARK.

Coun. TRACY and COOK offered the following:

Ordered, That the Park Commission be requested through his Honor the Mayor to establish playground facilities at Franklin Park for children and to discontinue garden plots for this purpose, if necessary.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

REPAIR OF HEAD HOUSE PIER THROUGH PARKMAN FUND INCOME.

Coun. LINEHAN and WENZLER offered the following:

Whereas, The South Boston Head House Pier as part of Marine Park has been in a deplorable condition for the past seven years, due to the fact that it has broken down in two different places and is now in unsafe condition for use by the public; and

Whereas, Said Head House Pier has been used for many years by thousands of citizens of the City of Boston; and

Whereas, The Head House Pier is an eyesore to all the people that view it in its present broken-down condition, and it is a sad commentary on our city government that such a condition continues to exist; and

Whereas, The so-called George F. Parkman Fund income, which averages about $200,000 per year, can be used for the purpose of repairing said Head House Pier because it is part of Marine Park which was in existence at the time of the creation of the fund which was created for the purpose of maintaining City of Boston Parks in Existence as of January 12, 1887; therefore be it

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor request the Park Commissioner who has plans already made for the reconstruction of said Head House Pier to immediately advertise for bids for the reconstruction of the said Head House Pier and the same be paid for out of the income of the George F. Parkman Fund.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION, WARD 7.

Coun. LINEHAN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to include in the 1948 granolithic sidewalk construction program the following streets in Ward 7:

Willow court, East Sixth street, I street, Gates street, Mercer street, Knowlton street, National street, Atlantic street, Pacific street.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDERS BEFORE RECESS.

Coun. COFFEY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Rules of the City Council be so changed as to allow orders to be introduced before a recess is called for the purpose of going into Executive Session.

Referred to the Committee on Rules.

ABOLITION OF THE COMMITTEE ON LICENSES.

Coun. COFFEY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Committee on Licenses be abolished.

Referred to the Committee on Rules.

REQUESTED VETO OF BILL RE LIFE TENURE FOR CHAIRMAN OF ASSESSORS.

Coun. CHASE offered the following:

Resolved, That the Boston City Council hereby respectfully urges His Excellency Governor Robert Bradford to veto the bill providing for life tenure for the chairman of the Boston Board of Assessors in the event that it is passed by the Legislature; and be it further

Ordered, That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Governor.

During the debate on the foregoing order, Councilor Bryan doubted the presence of a quorum.

The roll was called and the following members were present:

Councilors Ansel, Beades, Bryan, Chase, Hannon, Keenan, Linehan, Ramsey, Sullivan and Yerxa—10.

Less than a quorum being present the Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 4.12 p. m.

Note: All debate of City Council eliminated from proceedings in accordance with Chapter 447, Acts of 1947.

(Stenographic copy of such debate on file in office of City Clerk.)

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of City Council.

Monday, April 5, 1948.

Regular meeting of the City Council held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 2 p. m., President HANNON in the chair. Absent, Councilors Coffey and Lane.

The meeting was opened with the salute to the Flag.

JURORS DRAWN.

Jurors were drawn, Councilor BRYAN presiding at the box in the absence of the Mayor, viz.:

Fifty-seven traverse jurors, Superior Criminal Court, to appear May 3, 1948:

Louis M. Festa, Ward 1; Albert P. Petitpas, Ward 1; Carmine Ruggiero, Ward 1; Laurence M. DeLorey, Ward 2; Thomas Duffy, Ward 2; James F. Keegan, Ward 2; James J. Matson, Ward 2; Charles Athas, Ward 3; Andrew Catino, Ward 3; Frank Gross, Ward 3; John W. Hargrave, Ward 3; Joseph J. Salah, Ward 3; Byron L. Brownell, Ward 4; Ralph Samuel DeGroot, Ward 4; Harold B. Doyle, Ward 5; H. Leavitt Horton, Ward 5; James E. McLaughlin, Ward 5; Patrick J. Mulvaney, Ward 5; Stanley Balon, Ward 7; Edward J. Butler, Ward 7; Lawrence F. Hickey, Ward 7; Robert Hale, Ward 8; Michael J. Hurley, Ward 9; Thomas J. Kearns, Ward 10; Richard Lawless, Ward 10; John J. McFarland, Ward 10; Leon Allaire, Ward 11; Harry F. Donaghue, Ward 11; Herman H. Fritz, Ward 11; Paul John Masules, Ward 11; Malcolm D. Benders, Ward 12; Irving E. McClair, Ward 12; Daniel P. Crowley, Ward 13; Leo J. Gillis, Ward 13; Harry Adler, Ward 14; Frank H. Marble, Ward 14; Frank M. Pearson, Ward 16; John S. O'Neil, Ward 17; Irving M. Persky, Ward 17; Hugh A. Chalmers, Ward 18; Frank J. Fitzpatrick, Ward 18; Jacob Kaufman, Ward 18; Albert E. Lanigan, Ward 18; Ralph L. Oatt, Ward 18; Arnold J. Rauding, Ward 18; John C. Tammaro, Ward 18; Francis Murphy, Ward 19; George R. Wilson, Ward 19; Frederick J. Allington, Ward 20; John J. Connell, Ward 20; Martin F. O'Connor, Ward 20; George C. Rasch, Ward 20; Vincent C. Schofield, Ward 20; Nathan G. Abrahamson, Ward 21; Roderick J. MacDonald, Ward 21; Bernard F. Connors, Ward 22; Robert W. McAleer, Ward 22.

One hundred thirty-one traverse jurors, Superior Civil Court, to appear May 3, 1948:

Francesco Paolo Caso, Ward 1; Anthony J. Ciampa, Ward 1; Antonio Angelo DiCicco, Ward 1; Gabriel A. M. Disario, Ward 1; Frederick J. Ennis, Ward 1; Lloyd Greeley, Ward 1; Frank R. Oliver, Ward 1; John C. Watt, Ward 1; Michael Crowley, Ward 2; Joseph McElaney, Ward 2; William P. Owens, Ward 2; Richard J. Peters, Ward 2; James W. Porter, Ward 2; Charles L. Riley, Ward 2; Edmund J. Rizzzo, Ward 2; Frank B. Waitte, Ward 2; Edward R. Mann, Ward 3; Leo Mavrogeorge, Ward 3; John Parnagian, Ward 3; John J. Smith, Ward 3; Harrison Hamilton, Ward 4; Jacob Josler, Ward 4; Stephen Kochanowski, Ward 4; Forrest C. Staniels, Ward 4; Coleman F. Walsh, Ward 4; Harvey Johnson Davidson, Ward 5; Donald Forbes, Ward 5; Langdon Matthews, Ward 5; Simon Sottile, Ward 5; David Zeidman, Ward 5; Joseph E. Devine, Ward 6; John H. Flaherty, Ward 6; Anthony Itri, Ward 6; John M. LaFanci, Ward 6; Patrick J. Stack, Ward 6; William E. Studley, Ward 6; Michael Sullivan, Ward 6; William J. Christopher, Ward 7; Timothy J. Clifford, Ward 7; Harry Quimby, Ward 7; Arthur H. Quinlan, Ward 7; Richard T. Masters, Ward 8; Cornelius J. Van Hoewijk, Ward 8; Edward Thomas Appleton, Ward 9; Walter E. Donnelly, Ward 9; Herbert C. Hewes, Ward 10; Vincent A. Kenefick, Ward 10; James Magrath, Ward 10; Henry H. Pryde, Ward 10; Charles A. Anderson, Ward 11; Robert Carlson, Ward 11; Arthur G. Clarke, Ward 11; Julius W. Gilman, Ward 11; Otto L. Lindblad, Ward 11; Isaac Rabinowich, Ward 11; Arthur W. Roukey, Ward 11; William A. Ulrich, Ward 11; James D. Ellis, Ward 12; Perley A. Friars, Ward 12; Michael J. Gruzen, Ward 12; Alexander McEachern, Ward 12; Moses Price, Ward 12; Robert Spearman, Ward 12; Harry G. Starr, Ward 12; Thomas T. Taylor, Ward 12; Patrick Caprio, Jr., Ward 13; Eugene P. Irwin, Jr., Ward 13; Edward E. Jollimore, Ward 13; Robert McDowall, Ward 13; Jeremiah J. O'Connell, Jr., Ward 13; Charles Aronson, Ward 14; Irving Axelrod, Ward 14; Frank Berkman, Ward 14; Daniel Cohen, Ward 14; Harry Levine, Ward 14; Aron Price, Ward 14; Phillip Sidman, Ward 14; Michael Vernick, Ward 14; Nathan J. Weiner, Ward 14; Joseph P. Baldwin, Ward 15; Richard P. Day, Ward 15; John J. Kelly, Ward 15; Albert Joseph MacDonald, Ward 15; Raymond H. Collins, Ward 16; Ernest J. Ellgner, Ward 16; Joseph F. Mulligan, Ward 16; Thomas E. Campbell, Ward 17; Philip Ciaccio, Ward 17; Arthur W. Ellery, Ward 17; Patrick F. Hayes, Ward 17; Edward C. Jensen, Ward 17; Leon D. Mincher, Ward 17; Frank C. Rydwansky, Ward 17; Joseph K. Ajemian, Ward 18; Bernard L. Conlon, Ward 18; Herbert R. Dimmick, Ward 18; William J. Dube, Ward 18; Edward M. Massey, Ward 18; George Nedder, Ward 18; Michael B. Wolski, Ward 18; Joseph B. Clancey, Ward 19; David J. Fitzgerald, Ward 19; Thomas McCarthy, Ward 19; Arthur J. Paley, Ward 19; George Sawyer, Ward 19; Raymond F. Smith, Ward 19; Cedric E. Bloomfield, Ward 20; John J. Cotter, Ward 20; Thomas M. Gavin, Ward 20; Arthur Hand, Ward 20; Dominic A. Hardy, Ward 20; Patrick L. Kennedy, Ward 20; John J. May, Ward 20; Melville K. Rumrill, Ward 20; Thomas S. J. Runcy, Ward 20; Amedeo V. Russo, Ward 20; Carl J. Schriftgiesser, Ward 20; Joseph A. Spartola, Ward 20; Abraham Goldberg, Ward 21; Louis N. Hathaway, Ward 21; James M. Henry, Ward 21; Alexander Jones, Ward 21; Julius Karlin, Ward 21; Leslie P. Mann, Ward 21; Ralph Mannis, Ward 21; Robert M. Beck, Ward 22; Charles C. D'Agostino, Ward 22; Edward E. Hale, Ward 22; Charles E. Shute, Ward 22; Martin F. Walsh, Ward 22; Paul L. Gunders, Ward 11.

COLUMBUS PARK AND SOUTH BOSTON STADIUM REPAIRS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, March 29, 1948.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I transmit herewith communication from the Chairman of the Park Department, relative to your order dated March 22, 1948, concerning the laying out and putting in good playing condition the hard and softball diamonds on Columbus Park and the South Boston Stadium.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Park Department, March 26, 1948.

J. Joseph Connors,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.

Dear Sir,—I desire to acknowledge your memorandum, with enclosed City Council order requesting the Park Commissioner to lay out and put in good playing condition the hard and softball diamonds on Columbus Park and the South Boston Stadium.

It is my intention, as the playgrounds and parks dry out, to put them into the best con-

dition for baseball and softball playing. After such a severe winter, with so much snow, some of the areas are very wet and muddy. Until such time as they dry out sufficiently to put wheelbarrows and small trucks on the ground, we cannot cause any further damage with equipment on this soft ground. Some of the locations are drying out faster than the others, and work has already been started on the dry areas.

Please be assured that Columbus Park will be put in playing condition for baseball and softball as soon as the condition of the ground warrants raking and preparing the soil and grass.

Very truly yours,
JOHN J. MURPHY, Chairman.

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RECONSTRUCTION OF HEAD HOUSE PIER.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, April 2, 1948.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I transmit herewith communication from the Park Department relative to your order of March 29, 1948, concerning the advertising of bids for the reconstruction of the Head House Pier.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Park Department, April 1, 1948.

J. Joseph Connors,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.

Dear Sir,—I desire to acknowledge your memorandum, with attached City Council order requesting the Park Commissioner to advertise for bids for the reconstruction of the Head House Pier, the same to be paid for out of income of the George F. Parkman Fund.

About three years ago we received bids for the construction of a new pier to replace the present pier near the old Head House at Marine Park, South Boston. The lowest bid received was in the amount of $176,128. Due to insufficient funds the work was not carried out. With today's prices, I would estimate the cost of the work to be $250,000. The present pier is beyond repair.

At the present time the George F. Parkman Fund income averages about $170,000. We are using this income for the general everyday maintenance of parks and playgrounds that were in existence in 1887. In other words, this income is now used for the payment of wages of the men maintaining such properties. In order to use the Parkman Fund income for the maintenance of, or the construction of, a pier at Marine Park it would be necessary to find other moneys to finance the payment of the wages of Park Department employees working on parks and playgrounds.

Very truly yours,
JOHN J. MURPHY, Chairman.

Place on file.

REOPENING OF MONKEY HOUSE AT ZOO.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, April 2, 1948.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I transmit herewith communication from the Chairman of the Park Department relative to the reopening of the monkey house at the Franklin Park Zoo.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Park Department, April 1, 1948.

J. Joseph Connors,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.

Dear Sir,—In answer to your memorandum, with attached Council order of March 29, 1948, requesting the Park Commissioner to reopen the monkey house at the Franklin Park Zoo, I wish to report as follows:

The old frame house that was used for the monkeys at Franklin Park was built in 1912. At that time it was constructed as a temporary monkey house. It survived many years, but finally, due to the fact that the government, during the oil shortage of the last war, did not approve an application for fuel oil to heat the building, and considering the condition of the house and the few monkeys there, it was closed.

After 36 years, this wooden frame structure in my opinion would be of no real credit to the zoo or to the City of Boston no matter what repairs were made to it. I say this particularly, as his Honor the Mayor mentioned, during the last week, that he was going to sponsor the construction of a zoo, with new buildings, to be paid for from the George Robert White Fund.

On the over-all picture of the plan for the zoological garden, a monkey house of concrete, brick, and stone construction is contemplated on the northerly side of the Greeting, approximately opposite the present location of the bandstand.

A monkey house in any zoological garden should be of fireproof, verminproof, and indestructible materials.

The present monkey house at the zoo is in a deplorable condition. It has been partially wrecked, apparently by vandals. Even when this house was open it was not possible to maintain it in an odorproof and verminproof condition because of its wooden floors and walls.

I feel that consideration should be given to the plan of his Honor the Mayor to have something worth-while erected for the benefit of the zoological garden, as he has tentatively outlined, said buildings to be constructed from the George Robert White Fund.

Very truly yours,
JOHN J. MURPHY, Chairman.

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TRAFFIC LIGHTS AT CHARLESGATE WEST AND NEWBURY STREET.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, April 1, 1948.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—In answer to the order adopted by your Honorable Body providing for the installing of traffic lights at the corner of Charlesgate West and Newbury street, I beg to state that I have taken the matter up with the Traffic Commission in view of the fact that a statement appeared in the press setting forth that in the opinion of Councilor Yerxa, who introduced the order, ". . . ten persons must be killed before Boston traffic authorities consider it sufficiently hazardous to install traffic signal lights . . . ."

The Boston Traffic Commission has checked with the Registry of Motor Vehicles and the Boston Police Department, and the report showed that in a period of ten years there were no deaths at this point and only five accidents in ten years involving personal injuries.

Consequently, in the judgment of the Traffic Commission, and in view of the fact that the Legislature proposed the laying out and construction of Back street, with a speed highway extending from the Shell to Soldiers' Field, there is no necessity for lights there at

the present time, and in all probability there will be no occasion for them when Back street is completed.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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MEMORIAL TO WAR DEAD.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, April 5, 1948.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I beg to forward herewith the report compiled by the Supervisor of Graves Registration, Frank T. Pedonti, the same constituting a reply to the order passed by your Honorable Body on March 1, 1948.

The replies received, as you will note, are in favor of the memorial to the war dead of Boston, and I respectfully recommend the adoption of the order now pending before your Body.

I beg to state, in addition, that my attention has been directed to the fact that under date of March 1, 1948, an article appeared in the newspapers reading as follows:

"Plans for a $75,000 memorial to Harvard men who lost their lives in World War II were drafted yesterday by the Harvard War Memorial Committee headed by Senator Leverett Saltonstall.

"The plans call for the inscription of the names of all of Harvard's World War II dead in Memorial Chapel."

So apparently the method proposed in the order pending before your Body is in conformity with the accepted form of memorializing the memory of those who served and died, as is being adopted elsewhere.

I further desire to direct the attention of the City Council to data that has been received from the T. F. McGann & Sons Company of Somerville, Mass., containing a list of cities and towns where similar memorials have been erected.

World War II memorials completed to date, and those that are now in progress:

Ballou & Co., Inc.
Kennett High School.
Watertown War Service, Watertown, Mass.
City of Brockton, Brockton, Mass.
City of Northfield, Northfield, New Jersey.
National Life Insurance Company, Montpelier, Vermont.
Holy Rosary Church, Lawrence, Mass.
Center Harbor, Center Harbor, New Hampshire.
Milwaukee *Journal* Honor Roll, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.
William Filene's, Boston, Mass.
Ancient & Honorable Artillery, Boston, Mass.
Tuftonboro, Tuftonboro, New Hampshire.
Presque Isle, Presque Isle, Maine.
Town of Pepperell, Pepperell, Mass.
Town of Groton, Groton, Mass.
Beebe Junior High School, Malden, Mass.
Town of Billerica, Billerica, Mass.
Town of Hanover, Hanover, New Hampshire.
Town of Wakefield, Wakefield, Mass.
Town of Westminster, Westminster, Mass.
Town of Uxbridge, Uxbridge, Mass.
Hamden High School, Hamden, Connecticut.
City of Lynn, Lynn, Mass.
North Church, Cambridge, Mass.
St. George's Church, Lawrence, Mass.
Scovill Manufacturing Company, Waterbury, Connecticut.
City of Middletown, Middletown, Connecticut.
City of Haverhill, Haverhill, Mass.
City of Gloucester, Gloucester, Mass.
Somerville High School, Somerville, Mass.
City of Lawrence, Lawrence, Mass.
City of Medford, Medford, Mass.
City of Somerville, Somerville, Mass.
Franco-Belgian Veterans' Society, Lawrence, Mass.
Ann Arbor, Michigan.
Wichita Falls, Wichita Falls, Texas.
Battery A, Gloucester, Mass.
Boston Post Office, Boston, Mass.
Mather School, Dorchester, Mass.
Roxbury Memorial High School, Roxbury, Mass.
Brae Burn Country Club, Newton, Mass.
Bromfield High School, Harvard, Mass.
Fitchburg Knights of Columbus, Fitchburg, Mass.
Newport, Newport, New Hampshire.
Holy Trinity Church, Manchester, New Hampshire.
Manchester High School, Manchester, New Hampshire.
Tyngsboro, Tyngsboro, Mass.
Brunswick High School, Brunswick, Maine.
Cambridge Jewish War Veterans, Cambridge, Mass.
Everett Lodge of Elks, Everett, Mass.
Dewey & Almy, Cambridge, Mass.
Our Lady of Peace Church, Brooklyn, New York.
Church of the Redeemer, Chestnut Hill, Mass.
All wards in the City of Medford, Medford, Mass.
Lowell, Lowell, Mass.
Father of Marines, Arlington, Mass.
Town of Barnstable, Barnstable, Mass.
Town of Gill, Gill, Mass.
Greek Orthodox Church, Lynn, Mass.
Knights of Columbus, Somerville, Mass.
Taunton Lodge of Elks, Taunton, Mass.
St. Joseph's Church, Fall River, Mass.
McLean Hospital, Waltham, Mass.
Y. M. C. A., New Britain, Connecticut.
Landers, Frary & Clark, New Britain, Connecticut.
Newton Square Memorial, Worcester, Mass.
Medford Police Department, Medford, Mass.
West Junior High School, Newton, Mass.
Holmes School, Dorchester, Mass.
St. Catherine's Church, Norwood, Mass.
St. Catherine's Church, Somerville, Mass.
Peterson Post, Rockport, Mass.
Mission Hill Legion Post, Roxbury, Mass.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Veterans' Graves Registration,
April 5, 1948.

Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.

Your Honor,—In accordance with your direction to execute the order of the Boston City Council of March 1, a copy of the attached letter and reply card were mailed to the families of Boston's war hero dead of World War II. The result is as follows:

Number of letters to families of war dead mailed March 10	2,700
Number of letters returned by post office undelivered	176
Number of families actual recipients of letter	2,524
Total replies received from families	1,167
Families FOR the memorial	1,041
Families NOT for the memorial	126

This shows that exactly 89.2 per cent of those families REPLYING signified their desire for the memorial. Many wrote or telephoned expressing great pleasure at such a dignified and reverent acknowledgment of the supreme sacrifice made by a member of their family. Some commended the idea that those people most concerned (the families of the DEAD veteran) should be the ones to be consulted.

It was noted by many of the families that this proposed memorial set apart to honor those who GAVE THEIR LIVES in World War II would in no way detract from what would subsequently be done to honor the contribution made by LIVING veterans.

Respectfully submitted,
FRANK T. PEDONTI,
Registrar of Veterans' Graves.

City of Boston,
Veterans' Graves Registration,
March 10, 1948.

Under date of February 16, 1948, after many months of study, it was unanimously agreed by the Trustees of the George Robert White Fund to submit to the City Council an order providing for the purchase of a suitable location for the establishment of a war memorial to the 3,200 men and women of Boston who died in World War II. The trustees are:

The Mayor of the City of Boston, Hon. James M. Curley, Chairman.

The President of the Boston Bar Association, Judge Jacob J. Kaplan.

The President of the Boston Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Michael T. Kelleher.

The President of the Boston City Council, Mr. Thomas J. Hannon.

The Auditor of the City of Boston, Mr. Charles J. Fox.

In submitting the request to the City Council for authorization of the sale of the site to the above Trustees of the George Robert White Fund, the Mayor stated as folows:

"With a view to dispelling any misunderstanding with reference to the subject of a war memorial by the City of Boston to commemorate the services of those who died in World War II, I beg to direct your attention to the following facts:

"To the present time, no suitable memorial other than the temporary one on Boston Common to commemorate the services of those who died in World War II is to be found in our city. To the men who died either at the Cuban Insurrection, the Mexican Insurrection, the Philippine Insurrection, the Spanish-American War, or in World War I, there is no memorial to commemorate the services of those who died while fighting under the Flag of our Country.

" . . . We have a duty to those who died in World War II, which can be discharged at the present time, and, unless we take advantage of it, there is a likelihood that their services may be disregarded, as in the case of those who died in other wars.

"The George Robert White Fund at the present time has but a limited amount of money to devote to any particular purpose, but it has made available a sufficient sum to provide a suitable, proper, and worthy memorial to those who died in World War II. A site has been selected adjacent to the Rose Garden in the Fenway, where a gathering of seven to eight thousand persons can be accommodated upon memorial occasions, and where the relatives of those who died may come and read the names in enduring bronze in peaceful and beautiful surroundings, where opportunity can be afforded for prayer and proper tribute to those men and women who sacrificed their all that free government might live. A war memorial center such as has been determined upon should serve as an inspiration to a higher order of patriotism and the preservation of those traditions of service and sacrifice that are so essential to the continuance of free government in the world.

"Other cities and towns, not only in Massachusetts, but throughout the country, have erected, or are now arranging to erect, war memorials similar in character to that planned for the Boston war memorial center.

" . . . It must be evident to every thinking individual that, unless we take advantage of this opportunity, we are following the policy that has been adopted since the close of the Civil War of giving only lip service to those who died that free government might live. It is clearly our duty to act favorably upon the pending measure, and then to work earnestly and unitedly for the erection of a fitting memorial, such as has a direct appeal to everyone, by the Commonwealth for the perpetuation of the memory of all who served and died in all wars."

The Boston City Council under date of March 1, 1948, adopted an order which read as follows:

"Ordered, That the Registrar of Veterans' Graves be requested through his Honor the Mayor, to circularize the families of Boston's 3,200 World War II dead to determine their sentiments in regard to acceptance or rejection of a $300,000 memorial in the Fens."

In conformity with that order I enclose a post card for the purpose of ascertaining the action which you desire be taken upon this memorial. The cost is less than $100 for each one of Boston's war dead heroes. It is not an expenditure of the taxpayers' money, but comes from the proceeds of the White Fund.

In the event that you desire the name of the member of your family who died in World War II to be permanently honored in enduring bronze where the people of his native city may have the opportunity to read of the patriotic service rendered by him, will you please place a cross beside the word "Yes" on the enclosed postal.

In the event you do not desire his memory to be perpetuated through a memorial of this character, will you please place a cross beside the word "No" on the enclosed postal.

An immediate response will be most appreciated.

Sincerely,
FRANK T. PEDONTI,
Registrar of Veterans' Graves.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received and referred to the committees named, viz.:

Claims.

John W. Bradley, to be reimbursed as result of accident which occurred while in performance of duty.

James L. Buchanan, to be reimbursed as result of accident which occurred while in performance of duty.

Clovis A. Casey, for compensation for damage to car by city car.

Rose Marie Caso, for compensation for injuries to son caused by an alleged defect at Michelangelo School.

George W. Girvin, to be reimbursed for execution issued against him.

Ruth C. Hatch, for compensation for damage to car by city truck.

John J. Horton, to be reimbursed as result of accident which occurred while in performance of duty.

Frank A. Jankewicz, for compensation for loss of ash barrels taken by ash men.

Stanley Jennison, for compensation for damage to car by city truck.

James P. Lewis, for compensation for damage to car caused by an alleged defect at 30 Bennett street.

Elizabeth Marshall, for compensation for injuries caused by police car.

Metro Floor Waxing Company, Inc., for compensation for damage to car by city truck.

Vincent Scarlata, for compensation for damage to property at 260 and 262 East Eighth street, caused by backing up of sewage.

Samuel O. Smith, for compensation for damage to car caused by an alleged defect at 88 Henley street, Charlestown.

Angelo J. Spina, to be reimbursed for execution issued against him.

Julia E. Wilson, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at 5 West street.

Frank C. Burns, to be reimbursed for execution issued against him.

Owen J. Gallagher, to be reimbursed as result of accident which occurred while in performance of duty.

John F. Howard, to be reimbursed as result of accident which occurred while in performance of duty.

Hugh Mains, to be reimbursed as result of accident which occurred while in performance of duty.

Universal Textile Corporation, for compensation for damage to property at 168 South street, Boston, caused by break in water main.

Executive.

Petition of Agnes G. DeFrancesco to be paid annuity on account of death of husband, Frank P. DeFrancesco, late member of Police Department.

PERMITS FOR CHILDREN.

Permits for children under 15 years of age to appear at places of public amusement were received, viz.:

Tributary Theatre of Boston, New England Mutual Hall, April 17, 1948.

Kay A. McDermott, Jordan Hall, May 20, 1948.

Permits granted under usual conditions.

APPOINTMENT OF ELECTION COMMISSIONER.

Notice was received from the Mayor of appointment of J. Joseph Connors, 14 Concord street, as Election Commissioner, for term ending March 31, 1952.

Placed on file.

DESIGNATION OF CHAIRMAN OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS.

Notice was received from the Mayor of designation of J. Joseph Connors as chairman of Board of Election Commissioners.

Placed on file.

APPOINTMENT OF EDWARD C. CARROLL.

Notice was received from the Mayor of appointment of Edward C. Carroll, 234 L street, South Boston, to be principal assessor, for term ending March 31, 1953.

Placed on file.

RECESS.

President HANNON declared a recess at 2.29 p. m. for the purpose of going into Executive Session. The members reassembled and were called to order by President HANNON at 3.18 p. m.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Coun. McCORMACK, for the Executive Committee, submitted the following:

1. Report on message of Mayor and order (referred March 29) for sale of land on Canal street at upset price of $125,000—that same ought to pass.

The report was accepted, and the question came on giving the order its second reading and passage. The order was rejected (a two-thirds vote being required for passage of the order), yeas 10, nays 2:

Yeas—Councilors Bryan, Hannon, Hurley, Kinsella, Linehan, McCormack, Ramsey, Shanley, Sullivan, Tracy—10.

Nays—Councilors Chase, Keenan—2.

Voting Present—Councilor Cantwell.

On motion of Councilor Sullivan the foregoing vote was reconsidered. On motion of Councilor Sullivan the order was laid on the table.

2. Report on petition of Madeline A. Groves (referred March 8) to be paid an annuity on account of death of her husband, Walter J. Groves, late member of Police Department—recommending passage of accompanying new draft:

Ordered, That, under the provisions of section 89 of chapter 32 of the General Laws, an annuity of $3,080 be allowed and paid to Madeline A. Groves, widow of Walter J. Groves, a member of the Police Department who died on August 2, 1937, on account of injuries received in the performance of his duty; said annuity being made up of allowances as follows:

For the widow, Madeline A. Groves, so long as she remains unmarried, $1,000 per annum; for each of the following-named children during such time as he or she is under the age of eighteen or over said age and physically or mentally incapacitated from earning, $260 per annum: Frederick E. Groves, born August 25, 1932; Thomas F. Groves, born April 3, 1934; Joan R. Groves, born March 6, 1938; Ada Groves, born March 16, 1921; Walter Groves, born December 14, 1922; Leonard Groves, born January 17, 1925; Madeline Groves, born January 10, 1928; Evelyn Groves, born May 25, 1930; provided, however, that if the widow remarries the annuity for each of said children shall be $520 during the remainder of the time aforesaid, the payments to date from August 2, 1937, and to be charged to the appropriation for Police Department, Pensions and Annuities.

The report was accepted, and the order was passed.

OPPOSITION TO LIFE TENURE FOR CHAIRMAN OF BOARD OF ASSESSORS.

Coun. KINSELLA called up under unfinished business, No. 1 on the Calendar, viz.:

1. Resolution opposing life tenure for the Chairman of Board of Assessors.

On motion of Councilor Kinsella the resolution was laid on the table.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS.

Coun. BRYAN, for the Committee on Appropriations, submitted the following:

Report on message of the Mayor and order (referred March 8) for appropriation of $5,000 from income received from Commonwealth for rental and maintenance of First Corps of Cadets Armory—that same ought to pass.

The report was accepted. On motion of Councilor Keenan the order was referred to the Executive Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONFIRMATIONS.

Coun. ANSEL, for the Committee on Constables and Confirmations, submited the following:

Reports on appointments by the Mayor (referred March 29) of Paul F. Moran, 2227 Centre street, West Roxbury; James H. Muldoon, 30 Ricker road, Newton; John J. Delaney, 15 Wiltshire road, Newton; William P. Ferriter, 8 Lyman terrace, Waltham; Charles A. Brandin, 18 Dix terrace, Waltham; John W. Fraize, 53 Kendall street, Framingham; Walter A. McDermott, Jr., 78 Aldie street, Allston; George M. O'Kane, 5 Village street, Somerville; John A. Dunton, Jr., 15 Atkins street, Brighton; John A. Dunton, Sr., 15 Atkins street, Brighton; Howard A. White, 1472 Centre street, Roslindale, as Weighers of Goods, for term ending April 30, 1948—recommending that appointments be confirmed.

The report was accepted, and the question came on confirmation. Committee, Councilors Yerxa and Beades. Whole number of ballots 14, yeas 14, and the appointments were confirmed.

Report on appointment by the Mayor of Robert Kelly, 1 Ingleside street, Roxbury (referred March 29) as Constable without power to serve civil process and to serve without bond for term ending April 30, 1948—that appointment be confirmed.

The report was accepted, and the question came on confirmation. Committee, Councilors Kinsella and Cantwell. Whole number of ballots 12, yeas 12, and the appointment was confirmed.

NAMING OF JOHN DEFILIPPO PLAYGROUND.

Coun. LANIGAN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Park Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to change the name of the Prince street Playground, at Prince street near corner of Snow Hill street, to John DeFilippo Playground, in memory of the said John DeFilippo, veteran of World War II, killed in action in the service of his country.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

REPLACING OF TREES ON EAST BROADWAY.

Coun. WENZLER offered the following:

Ordered, That the Park Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to replace the trees which have been removed on East Broadway between L street and Farragut road.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

ORDINANCE RE AUTOMATIC AMUSEMENT DEVICES.

Coun. HURLEY offered the following:

City of Boston.

In the Year Nineteen Hundred and Forty-Eight.

An Ordinance Concerning Automatic Amusement Devices.

Be it ordained by the City Council of Boston, as follows:

Chapter forty of the Revised Ordinances of 1947 is hereby amended by inserting after section one hundred and one the following:

Automatic Amusement Devices.

Section 101A. (1) On and after May 1, 1948, no person managing or controlling any restaurant, cafe, tavern or other eating or drinking establishment or any inn, hotel, club or public lodging house or any store, terminal, public hall, bowling alley, place of amusement or other place to which members of the public may resort shall keep or offer for operation therein or allow to be kept or offered for operation therein any automatic amusement device, unless and until such automatic amusement device has been licensed by such licensing authority as the mayor shall from time to time appoint. Such authority may, upon written application and upon such reasonable terms and conditions as the mayor may prescribe, grant a license for any or all automatic amusement devices and may, after written notice to the licensee suspend or, after hearing, revoke the same. The licensing authority shall act upon every application for a license under this section within fifteen days after the filing of such application, shall not deny any application except for good cause and upon the denial of any application shall forthwith endorse thereon the reason for such denial. No license shall be granted under this section for any automatic amusement device unless such device is of a type approved by the Director of Standards and Necessaries of Life under section 283 of chapter 94 of the General Laws. No license shall be granted under this section for any automatic amusement device to be kept or offered for operation upon premises within a radius of three hundred feet of a church or a school except after a public hearing of which notice shall be given by the licensing authority, at the expense of the applicant, to the minister, priest, rabbi, or other person in charge of the church, or the headmaster, principal or other person in charge of the school, by registered mail sent at least five days (Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays excluded) before the hearing.

(2) The term "Automatic amusement device" as used in this section shall be construed as meaning any mechanism whereby, upon the deposit therein of a coin or token, any apparatus is released or set in motion or put in a position where it may be set in motion for the purpose of furnishing music or other entertainment or for the purpose of playing any game involving, in whole or in part, the skill of the player, including, but not exclusively, such devices as are commonly known as juke boxes, music boxes, phonographs, pinball machines (including free play pinball machines), marble games, diggers, grab machines, baseball or football game machines, bowlers, roll-down machines, target machines and horse racing machines.

(3) Licenses granted under this section, unless sooner revoked, shall expire on December thirty-first of each year. Every such license shall specify the street and number of the premises where the automatic amusement device is to be kept or offered for operation or give some particular description of such premises, shall name the person managing or controlling such premises, shall state the type of the automatic amusement device to which it relates, and shall protect any automatic amusement device of the same type which as a substitute or replacement for the automatic amusement device licensed may, during the term of the license, be kept or offered for operation on the premises specified while managed or controlled by the person named; but such license shall under no circumstances protect an automatic amusement device of a type other than the type stated in such license; and such license shall not protect the automatic amusement device if in any place other than the premises from time to time specified in such license or if such premises be managed or controlled by any person other than the person from time to time named in such license. No such license shall specify more than one premise at one time. Upon written application, the licensing authority may from time to time amend any license granted under this section by changing the premises specified or by changing the person named as managing or controlling the premises or by changing both; provided, however, that no premises within a radius of three hundred feet of a church or a school shall be specified by amendment except after a public hearing of which notice shall have been given as hereinbefore provided.

(4) The annual fee for a license under this section for any automatic amusement device other than a pinball machine (including a free play pinball machine), or for any renewal thereof, shall be twelve dollars. The annual fee for such a license for a pinball machine (including a free play pinball machine), or for any renewal thereof, shall be thirty dollars. The fee for any license issued after January thirty-first in any year shall be prorated on the basis of the number of months in which the license is to be in force compared with twelve months. The fee for every change of premises and the fee for every change of person shall be two dollars.

(5) Automatic amusement devices licensed under this section shall be so installed on the premises described in the license as to be in open view at all times while in operation, and shall at all times be available for inspection by the mayor and the police commissioner of the City of Boston or their authorized agents.

(6) No person keeping or offering for operation or allowing to be kept or offered for operation any automatic amusement device licensed under this section shall permit a minor to operate the same; nor shall he use or permit the same to be used for the purpose of gambling.

(7) Any violation of any provision of this section or of chapter one hundred and thirty-six of the General Laws by any person managing or controlling any premises where an automatic amusement device licensed under this section is kept or offered for operation shall be cause for the revocation of all licenses for automatic amusement devices kept or offered for operation on such premises.

(8) The mayor may make rules regulating the use and operation of automatic amusement devices licensed under this section and may require, from tme to time, the furnishing of reports concerning the ownership of such devices or any interest therein, and any other information which he may deem pertinent concerning such devices and their use and operation.

(9) If any of the provisions of this section shall be invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, and to this end the provisions of this section are hereby declared to be severable.

Referred to the Committee on Ordinances.

ROOF REPAIRS IN SOUTH DEPARTMENT BUILDING.

Coun. HURLEY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Trustees of the Boston City Hospital be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to take immediate steps to repair the leaky roofs in the South Department Building.

Referred to the Committee on Hospitals.

APPROPRIATION FOR PLAYGROUND, WARD 17.

Coun. KEENAN offered the following:

Offered, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to submit to the City Council an appropriation order in the sum of $50,000 for the establishment of a playground on city-owned land at the corner of Washington street and Gallivan Boulevard, Ward 17, plans for which were submitted by the City Planning Board in 1944.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

REPLACEMENT OF GAS LIGHTS.

Coun. COOK offered the following:

Ordered, That the Public Works Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to replace gas lights with electric lights immediately on those streets which are now being repaired, especially on Cliff street, Ward 12.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

INVESTIGATION OF KILLING OF SAMUEL I. PARIS.

Coun. ANSEL offered the following:

Ordered, That the Police Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to make a complete and thorough investigation of the brutal killing of the late Samuel I. Paris, and that the investigation be extended through all sections of the city so that robberies, assaults, handbag snatching and other heinous crimes be stopped.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

CONGRATULATIONS TO COUNCILOR COOK.

Coun. ANSEL, KEENAN, BEADES and BRYAN offered the following:

Resolved, That the Boston City Council, in meeting assembled, extend to Councilor Milton Cook hearty congratulations and good wishes on his elevation to the high position of State Commander of the Jewish War Veterans of the United States, and that a suitable scroll be prepared for presentation to Councilor and State Department Commander Milton Cook at a meeting of the City Council.

The resolution was passed under suspension of the rules.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE MATTERS.

Coun. KINSELLA, for the Committee on Legislative Matters, submitted the following:

Report on resolution (referred March 29) opposing passage of so-called birth control bill—that same ought to pass.

The report was accepted, and the resolution was passed.

CLEANING OF STREETS, ALLEYWAYS, ETC.

Coun. CAREY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Health Commissioner of the City of Boston be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to arrange for the immediate appointment of additional inspectors in the Health Department in order that a survey may be made of the streets, alleyways, and vacant lots in the city with a view to having them cleaned up at the earliest possible date.

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Ordered, That the Public Works Commissioner of the City of Boston be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to arrange for the immediate appointment of additional inspectors in the Sanitary Division in order that a survey may be made of the streets, alleyways, and vacant lots in the city with a view to having them cleaned up at the earliest possible date.

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Ordered, That the Public Works Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to arrange for the immediate appointment of sufficient men in the Street Cleaning Service to clean the streets of the city at the earliest possible date.

Severally passed under suspension of the rules.

FLOODING OF GARVEY PLAYGROUND.

Coun. BEADES offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor request the Park Commissioner to confer with the Commissioner of Public Works relative to the flooding of Garvey Playground, and to devise ways and means of remedying this situation.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

RESURFACING OF CROCKETT AVENUE.

Coun. BEADES offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to resurface Crockett avenue, Ward 16, and to install sidewalks thereon.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

RESURFACING OF ST. BRENDAN ROAD.

Coun. BEADES offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to resurface St. Brendan road, Ward 16, and to install sidewalks thereon.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

SUSPENSION OF PAYMENTS TO AMERICAN SERVICE COMPANY.

Coun. BEADES, KEENAN and SHANLEY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to make a survey of the contract held by the American Service Company for the maintenance of street gas lamps throughout the City of Boston; and be it further

Ordered, That the City Auditor be requested to hold up all payments on said contract pending the outcome of the investigation.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

RESURFACING OF CERTAIN WARD 22 STREETS.

Coun. SHANLEY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Public Works Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to resurface with smooth pavement the following-named streets in Ward 22: Faneuil street, Fairbanks street, Brooks street.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

SALE OF LAND FOR VETERANS' WAR MEMORIAL.

Coun. SULLIVAN moved that the message of the Mayor and order (referred February 16) for sale of land in Fenway to George Robert White Fund for erection of war dead memorial to be taken from the Executive Committee. The motion was lost.

Adjourned, on motion of Councilor Sullivan, at 4.31 p. m., to meet on Monday, April 12, 1948, at 2 p. m.

Note: All debate of City Council eliminated from proceedings in accordance with Chapter 447, Acts of 1947.

(Stenographic copy of such debate on file in office of City Clerk.)

CITY OF BOSTON PRINTING DEPARTMENT

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of City Council.

Monday, April 12, 1948.

Regular meeting of the City Council held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 2 p. m., President HANNON in the chair. Absent, Councilor Lane.

The meeting was opened with the salute to the Flag.

VETO OF ANNUITY TO MADELINE A. GROVES.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, April 12, 1948.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen,— I return herewith disapproved, and without my signature, the order passed by your Honorable Body on April 5, 1948, for the payment of an annuity to Madeline A. Groves, widow of Walter J. Groves, late member of the Police Department, for the reason that the said order is improperly drawn.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Placed on file.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR.

Subject to confirmation by the Council, the following appointments were received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, April 12, 1948.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen,— Subject to confirmation by your Honorable Body, I hereby appoint the following-named persons as constables of the City of Boston for the term of one year, beginning with the first day of May, 1948, not authorized to serve civil process and to serve without bond.

The commissions of constables not authorized to serve civil process not named herein expire on April 30, 1948, and such constables are hereby removed from office from and after May 1, 1948, for the good of the service.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Constables Connected with Official Positions.

James M. Amato, 10 Bulfinch place, Ward 3; Martin A. Brennan, 237 Harvard avenue, Ward 21; Charles Cantwell, 409 River street, Ward 18; Joseph C. Coffey, 451 Meridian street, Ward 1; Edward F. Collins, 330 Hyde Park avenue, Ward 19; Jeremiah A. Daley, 14 Concord street, Ward 2; Sabino D'Alto, 115 Princeton street, Ward 1; Daniel J. Daly, 15 Norfolk street, Ward 9; Vito Dellaria, 185 Havre street, Ward 1; George A. Douglas, 1387 Commonwealth avenue, Ward 21; Joseph L. Duffley, 30 Algonquin street, Ward 17; James E. Finigan, 10 Burr street, Ward 19; George W. Fitzgerald, 200 Weld street, Ward 20; Cornelius T. Fitzpatrick, 345 Neponset avenue, Ward 16; Owen P. Flynn, 5 Henry Sterling square, Ward 6.

Walter D. Flynn, 1156 Commonwealth avenue, Ward 21; Leo G. Grappocio, 47 Auburn street, Ward 3; Charles B. Gray, 14 Pleasant Hill avenue, Ward 17; Carl H. Kohlus, 1463 Centre street, Ward 20; Louis J. Lanata, 44 Rexford street, Ward 18; Robert J. Lawler, 24 Halifax street, Ward 19; Albert Leary, 43 Bowdoin street, Ward 3. Charles J. Lennon, 101 Anawan avenue, Ward 20; Raymond M. Lindsay, 197 Kelton street, Ward 21; Lawrence Linehan, 5 Peterborough street, Ward 5; Lloyd J. MacLean, 142 West street, Ward 18; Walter F. Maguire, 104 Winthrop street, Ward 8; Fred H. Mathews, 18 Iffley road, Ward 11; Bernard J. McCabe, 52 Woodard road, Ward 20; Aloysius McGarry, 1069 Boylston street, Ward 5.

Edwin J. McGowan, 51 M street, Ward 6; Charles J. McGrath, 46 Columbia road, Ward 14; Antonio M. Mele, 40 Staniford street, Ward 3; James J. Murphy, 7 Myrtle place, Ward 12; Edward H. Nelligan, 1721 Commonwealth avenue, Ward 21; George A. Nelson, 224 Bunker Hill street, Ward 2; John F. O'Brien, 1156 Commonwealth avenue, Ward 21; David I. O'Connor, 1617 Tremont street, Ward 10; Louis Reppucci, 282 North street, Ward 3; Barney Rubin, 318 Blue Hill avenue, Ward 14; Peter J. Salem, 1 Ringgold street, Ward 3; Carl B. Solone, 254 North street, Ward 3; William J. Sullivan, 12 Bothwell street, Ward 22; Louis Taylor, 38 Intervale street, Ward 12; Francis A. Winnett, 296 Bunker Hill street, Ward 2.

Robert Kelly, 1 Ingleside street, Ward 13; Russell Howard, 101 Cabot street, Ward 9; Joseph Floccher, 47 Allen street, Ward 3; Paul Bartel, 34 Baxter street, Ward 6; Owen Clarke, 26 Dalrymple street, Ward 11; Thomas Walsh, 57 Mt. Ida road, Ward 15; John J. McManus, 191 Parsons street, Ward 22; Alfred Santosuosso, Jr., 30 Thatcher street, Ward 18; Frederick Sullivan, 36 Raven street, Ward 13; James J. Kenney, 1634 Tremont street, Ward 10; Thomas F. Murray, 223 Amory street, Ward 11; Edward J. Murray, 197 Manthorne road, Ward 20; John T. O'Brien, 11 Estrella street, Ward 10; James W. Daly, 46 Stanton street, Ward 17; Thomas Hogan, 369 Dudley street, Ward 8.

Supervisor of Licensed Minors.

Timothy F. Regan, 4A Weld street, Ward 11.

Animal Rescue League.

Archibald MacDonald, 710 East Sixth street, Ward 6.

Massachusetts S. P. C. A.

Harry L. Allen, 180 Longwood avenue, Ward 4.

Van Drivers Appointed by the Court.

George H. Bradley, 205 Billings street, Atlantic.

Raymond F. Green, 498 Massachusetts avenue, Ward 9.

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, April 7, 1948.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen,— Subject to confirmation by your Honorable Body, I hereby appoint the following-named persons as constables of the City of Boston for the term of one year, beginning with the first day of May, 1948, authorized to serve civil process upon filing of bond.

The commissions of constables authorized to serve civil process not named herein expire on April 30, 1948, and such constables are hereby removed from office from and after May 1, 1948, for the good of the service.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Constables Authorized to Serve Civil Process upon Filing Bonds.

Henry Atwood, 28 Melbourne street, Ward 16; Samuel C. Baker, 25A Wabon street, Ward 12; William J. Baker, 1096 Tremont street, Ward 9; Alfred Balustein, 23 Fernboro street, Ward 14; Abram Bornstein, 625 Warren street, Ward 12; William C. Bowles, 63 Coleman street, Ward 15; George W. Brooker, 258 Park street, Ward 20; James A. Canton, 169 Glenway street, Ward 14; Benjamin N. Clott, 22 Glenarm street, Ward 14; Sidney Cohen, 70 American Legion Highway, Ward 14; John M. Crawford, 27 Washington street, Ward 2; Henry G. Dahlquist, 15 Regan road, Ward 17; John Andrew D'Arcy, 11 Adelaide street, Ward 19; Americo A. Desimone, 1130 Saratoga street, Ward 1; James E. Desmond, 7 Mapleton street, Ward 22; Patrick J. Donovan, 27 Lorette street, Ward 20; Herman M. Finer, 12 Willowwood street, Ward 14; Lewis Gilbert, 627 Walk Hill street, Ward 14; Roland W. Golden, 36 Regent street, Ward 12; Samuel Goldkrand, 100 Homestead street, Ward 12.

Meyer Goldstein, 27 Long avenue, Ward 21; Salvatore Grassa, 11 Copeland street, Ward 12; Abraham M. Hecht, 3 Morse street, Ward 14; Max Kaplan, 55 North Russell street, Ward 3; Bernie King, 492 Harvard street, Ward 14; Arnold Klevens, 106 Millet street, Ward 17; Bronis Kontrim, 120 Marine road, Ward 7; Mark H. Krafsur, 447 Norfolk street, Ward 14; Nathan Kravitsky, 306 Washington street, Ward 14; Louis Levendorf, 421 Warren street, Ward 12; Maurice Levine, 40 Wolcott street, Ward 14; Anthony Luongo, 855 Saratoga street, Ward 1; William H. Lynch, 236 Kittredge street, Ward 18; Frank J. Macchia, 770 East Fourth street, Ward 6; Salvatore Maffei, 11 Orient avenue, Ward 1;

Andrew Martin, 154 Stanwood street, Ward 14; Thomas F. McArdle, 250 Gallivan Boulevard, Ward 17; Norman M. Menzies, Jr., 17 New street, Ward 1; William P. Miles, 78 Warren street, Ward 12; I. Joseph Mirkin, 33 Outlook road, Ward 14.

Frank A. Mitchell, 7 Bruce street, Ward 16; Michael W. Ober, 48 Ballou avenue, Ward 14; Bert Oppenheim, 9 Egremont road, Ward 21; Louis H. Oppenheim, 7 Mt. Hood road, Ward 21; Hector Palladino, 12 Greenough lane, Ward 3; Phillip S. Phillips, 829 Blue Hill avenue, Ward 14; George N. Pierce, 15 Atherton street, Ward 11; Henry Thomas Reid, 118 Redlands road, Ward 20; Louis Richmond, 111 Waumbeck street, Ward 12; Thomas J. Riley, 17 Mt. Vernon street, Ward 2; Edward J. Rockett, 15 Worcester square, Ward 8; William T. Ross, 4 Abbotsford street, Ward 12; Angelo M. Russo, 108 Farquhar street, Ward 20; Philip Scarnici, 90 Homer street, Ward 1; Jacob E. Schrank, 227 Harvard avenue, Ward 21; Joseph P. Schrank, 227 Harvard avenue, Ward 21; Frank Shaw, 12 Codman street, Ward 17; Sidney Sheinfeld, 166 Rosseter street, Ward 14; Isaac Shulman, 128 Devon street, Ward 14; Joseph L. Sburtleff, 39 Union Park street, Ward 8.

Joseph Simansky, 77 Nightingale street, Ward 14; Francis A. Slater, 21 Gardner street, Ward 21; Henry J. D. Small, 14 Windermere road, Ward 13; Leon Small, 194 Normandy street, Ward 14; Clifford I. Smith, 56 Edison green, Ward 13; Paolo Stancato, 130 Prince street, Ward 3; Jerome Suvalle, 19 Owen street, Ward 18; Benjamin J. Tackeff, 52 Columbia road, Ward 14; Samuel Tarle, 115 Homestead street, Ward 12; William Tatel, 172 Seaver street, Ward 12; Joseph Todisco, 149 Paris street, Ward 1; Rudolph L. Trent, 34 Highland street, Ward 9; Roman J. Vasil, 11 Granada avenue, Ward 18; Henry Ward, 60 Seaver street, Ward 12; David Weir, 259 Beacon street, Ward 5; Sidney Williams, 37 Winthrop street, Ward 12; Morris Youman, 5 Pama Gardens, Ward 22; Theodore J. Zaborski, 21 Hubbardston road, Ward 13; David B. L. Kaplan, 93 Lawrence avenue, Ward 14.

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City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, April 12, 1948.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen,— Subject to confirmation by your Honorable Body, I make the following appointments of minor officers paid by fees for the term of one year beginning with the first day of May, 1948. The appointments of all such officers not named herein are hereby revoked from and after April 30, 1948.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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The following-named persons to be Weighers of Coal for the term of one year, beginning with the first day of May, 1948:

Benjamin H. Adler, John F. Anglin, Newton E. Atwood, Frank Barrett, Frederick J. Barthel, Eustis E. Beattie, Peter J. Bella, Thomas E. Birmingham, Inez E. Blades, Samuel Bloch, Mary G. Brooks, Robert A. Bruce, George H. Buck, Anthony Budris, William A. Burkard, Joseph R. Burkart, Walter E. Burke, Simon Canty, Biagio Carabello, Edmund F. Casey, Phyllis Cassari, John E. Cassidy, Frank H. Chadwick, Harold C. Chase, D. Russell Cheney, William A. Chevoor, Sara L. Cleary, Paul G. Cohlenzer, Robert Cody, Hyman Cohen, Howard W. Colby, Theodore W. Combis, Ethel T. Concree, Girard V. Condon, Walter W. Conly, Daniel W. Connors, Philip R. Cook, John Corrigan, Joseph Corrigan, Joseph D. Craven, Joseph R. Crawford, Charles L. Crowe, Daniel J. Crowley, John P. Custis, James P. DeSalvo, John P. Doherty, Curtis P. Drummon, Albert J. Fawcett, Thomas P. Finley, Edward J. Fogarty, Reed Freeman.

Edward J. Gaffney, Maurice J. Gallivan, Sylvia Goldman, Edith Goldrosen, George R. Gorman, Morris Green, William J. Grund, Rolan M. Gustin, Charles F. Haggerty, George J. Hamilton, Jr., Herman E. Hare, Edward G. Hawkins, Arthur L. Hayden, Corey A. Heath, Ammon B. Heckler, M. Kenneth Henderson, Walter Henderson, Paul J. Hohmann, Edwin E. Houston, Thomas E. Hughes, Mary M. Hynes, Thomas T. N. Irwin, Mildred Isenberg, Frances Jacobs, Della Joyce, John F. Kane, Hyman Kawadler, Rosalyn Kassler, John B. Keaney, Agnes C. Kelly, Morris Kristal, Abraham Lavien, Ida B. Lavien, Nellie D. Lehman, Walter W. Lehman, Charles W. Lema, Robert Levine, Samuel A. Levine, Adele Levitt, Albert Levitt, Arnold Levitt, Samuel Levitt, George E. Lewis, Edward H. Liner, Sidney M. Liner, Nathaniel C. Lord, Ray E. Loud, Irving Lunin, Samuel Luric, Edward D. MacDonald, Ralph G. Magin.

James L. Maher, Jesse C. Manning, Charles S. Mansfield, Frances E. Marriott, Theodore L. Marsters, William E. McDermott, George W. McFadden, Thomas E. McGinty, Leo F. McIsaac, Hugh L. McKenzie, Helen McLaughlin, John R. McSorley, Edward W. Meade, Bertram W. Menges, Florence Modiste, Homer L. Mohr, Samuel Morse, Charles B. Murphy, David A. Nagle, Andrew B. Noel, Edward W. Noel, Ernest W. Noel, Hermogenes G. Nogueira, Dorothy Novick, Louis Novick, Catherine E. O'Brien, Lawrence F. O'Connor, Daniel J. O'Donnell, Henry J. Olsiewski, Henry E. Olson, Mary E. O'Malley, Frank L. O'Neill, Paul H. O'Shea, Charles Paisner, Charles D. Parrott, Charles H. Payne, Katherine R. Pink, Joseph B. Potter, Maurice F. Quinlan, Abraham J. Rabinovitz, Helen C. Riley, Francis R. Ringer, William J. Rode, Eric A. Rosdahl, Louis Ruggiero, Charles Sacks, Frieda L. Sacks, Florence L. Sanford, Joseph M. Santis, Charles Scboen, George L. Sbarkey, Joseph W. Sheeban.

Bernard J. Shine, Frank Sirk, John L. Smith, Samuel Smith, Samuel Snider, Mary L. Spellman, Ethel Swartz, Swen Swenson, Alvin C. Tamkin, Solomon Tamkin, Alherta M. Toolan, Andrew G. Viglas, Alhert A. Walsb, Frank J. Walsh, Chester K. Wickes, Julius Wilensky, Alexander B. Wiley, Bernard H. Williams, Harry L. Williams, Mary F. Willis, John L. Woods, Ida Zaks, John Zanstuck, Anna Zwick, Louis Zwick.

The following-named person to be Measurer of Wood and Bark for the term of one year, beginning with the first day of May, 1948: Robert Cody.

The following-named persons to be Measurers of Grain for the term of one year, beginning with the first day of May, 1948:

Mark H. Devlin, John Galloway, William J. Leonard.

The following-named persons to be Weighers of Beef for the term of one year, beginning with the first day of May, 1948:

Michael F. Allen, Chester D. Black, William F. Callahan, James P. Conroy, William J. Raulinaitis.

The following-named persons to be Measurers of Leather for the term of one year, beginning with the first day of May, 1948:

Harold R. Caro, Edward R. Maxwell, Roscoe D. Waterhouse.

The following-named person to be a Gauger of Liquids for the term of one year, beginning with the first day of May, 1948: Charles P. Newton.

The following-named persons to be Weighers of Goods for the term of one year, beginning with the first day of May, 1948:

Ellsworth M. Adams, Cyril Applebaum, Curtis I. Balduf, Patrick J. Baldwin, William J. Barrett, Edward L. Barry, Frederick L. Bell, John L. Berrill, George F. Berry, Frederick A. Bigwood, Thomas E. Birmingham, Robert N. Black, Harry A. Bloom, Charles O. Boynton, Charles A. Brandin, John E. Brenner, Theron W. Briggs, Mary G. Brooks, Robert A. Bruce, L. Nathan Buker, Joseph P. Bulman, Collingswood Burgess, Joseph R. Burkart, Daniel F. Burke, Walter E. Burke, John Cahill, Charles J. Cannata, Rosario Capillo, Biagio Carabello, Robert J. Carmichael, Robert J. Casey, Phyllis Cassari, Edward B. Charbonneau, D. Russell Cheney, Walter H. Chick, William S. Cleaves, Robert Cody, Samuel Cohen, Howard W. Colby, James J. Colorusso, Ethel T. Concree, Andrew J. Condon, Edward Connelly, Daniel W. Connors, Walter G. Connors, John P. Corbett, Joseph B. Corbett, Thomas F. Culkeen, Thomas A. Curley, Roger W. Curtis, Alden G. DeCourcy, John J. Delaney, Joseph E. Delay, Frank DeMarco, Paul Dennis, Mark H. Devlin, Alexander Dick, Arthur J. Duffy.

Patrick R. Dunn, John A. Dunton, Jr., John A. Dunton, Sr., Paul T. Edwards, Paul G. Ehlert, Carleton W. Ellms, Carlton W. Ellms, Jr., David C. Emond, Frederic H. Engdahl, Augustine J. Fay, Edward A. Fay, Thomas J. Fay, Michael Ferrala, William P. Ferriter, Patrick Flaherty, John F. Flanagan, Lucius H. Floyd, Alfred N. Foley, John W. Fraize, Charles E. Freeman, Charles J. Freygang, Edwin H. Fritz, Maurice J. Gallivan, Fred J. Graham, Jr., Fred J. Graham, Sr., Morris Green, Melvin M. Gross, William J. Grund, Agda E. Gustafson, Roland M. Gustin. Harry Halperin, James F. Halpin, H. Marsden Harding, Jr., Francis T. Hayes, J. Hardie Henderson, Walter Henderson, John E. Henry, Campbell

S. Higgins, Harold E. Hines, John H. Holmes, Charles V. Hurley, C. Bruce Ilsley, Gilbert C. Jackson, Charles T. Jesso, Frederick Johnson, William R. Jones, Patrick D. Kane, James Keane, Michael Keane, Peter F. Keane, Milton Kcleishik, Joseph P. Kelley, John W. Kennedy.

Norman P. Kennedy, Joseph P. Kenney, Charles M. Lampron, Edward D. Landry, Stephen W. Leavitt, Chester W. Lenaghan, William J. Leonard, George S. Lockhart, James J. Lordan, Joseph Lordan, Samuel Lurie, Chester A. MacCullagh, Alexander J. MacDonald, Daniel J. MacKay, William K. MacMillan, Alphonse S. Marchant, Horton I. Marlor, John W. Marshall, Timothy F. McCarthy, Walter A. McDermott, Jr., Bernard A. McKinney, John C. McLeod, Earl B. McMillen, John R. McSorley, Homer L. Mohr, Paul F. Moran, James H. Muldoon, Charles B. Murphy, Jeremiah V. Murphy, James F. Nee, Charles P. Newton, Richard S. Noone, Catherine E. O'Brien, William F. O'Connor, Daniel J. O'Donnell, James J. O'Halloran, Joseph J. O'Hearn, George M. O'Kane, Mary E. O'Malley, Paul H. O'Shea, Jeremiah J. P. O'Sullivan, Otto Otterson, Charles D. Parrott, John F. Perry, Shirley E. Perry, C. Thurston Peterson, Frank W. Preston, Abraham J. Rahinovitz, Russell B. Rae, Carl A. Rauscher, George A. Rauscher, William B. Reagan, George W. Rechel, Seymour Remis.

James W. Reynolds, William E. Roberts, Eric A. Rosdahl, Richard J. Ryan, Samuel N. Schlesinger, Charles Schoen, Herbert F. Schramm, Donald Sherlaw, Michael Shoohigh, Philip C. Shute, Philip K. Shute, Frank Sirk, Howard Smith, Albert St. Germaine, Eldon M. Strickland, Garrett L. Sullivan, John J. Sullivan, Eugene Thompson, Anthony S. J. Tomasello, Charles J. Toye, William P. Turner, Arthur F. Tyler, Jr., Patrick J. Walsh, Israel A. Weiner, Elinor D. Welch, Francis J. White, Sr., Howard A. White, Nathan A. White, Thomas E. White, John M. Wilder, Joseph P. Wilkinson, Bernard H. Williams, Mary F. Willis, Cyril Wood, Benjamin W. Wright.

Severally referred to the Committee on Confirmations.

AIR-CONDITIONING MACHINES AT CITY HOSPITAL.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, April 7, 1948.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I transmit herewith communication from the Superintendent of the Boston City Hospital, relative to your order of March 22, 1948, concerning the preparing of plans for the installation of air-conditioning machines in the cafeteria and dispensary.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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Boston City Hospital, April 2, 1948.

J. Joseph Connors,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.

Dear Mr. Connors,—At a meeting of the Board of Trustees held today, an order of the City Council was presented, requesting the Trustees, through his Honor the Mayor, to prepare plans for the installation of air-conditioning machines in the cafeteria and dispensary at the hospital.

The Trustees wish to inform the Council that plans have already been under consideration and that money has already been ear-marked in the 1948 budget to do this work.

Sincerely yours,
JAMES W. MANARY, Superintendent.

Placed on file.

INSTALLATION OF TRAFFIC LIGHTS, WARD 6.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, April 12, 1948.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I transmit herewith communication from the Traffic Commission, relative to your order of March 8, 1948, concerning the installing of traffic lights at the corner of D street and West Broadway, Ward 6.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Traffic Commission, April 9, 1948.

Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Sir,—In reply to Council order submitted by Councilor Wenzler, requesting that traffic signals be installed at the intersection of D street and West Broadway, please be advised that this intersection will be signalized in the very near future.

Respectfully submitted,
LEO F. CURLEY, Commissioner.

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OPENING OF COPELAND STREET PLAYGROUND.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, April 6, 1948.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I transmit herewith communication from the Chairman of the Park Department, relative to your order of March 22, 1948, concerning the opening of the Copeland Street Playground, with proper supervision for the use of the school children.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Park Department, April 2, 1948.

J. Joseph Connors,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.

Dear Sir,—In reply to your memorandum, with enclosed City Council order, requesting the Park Commissioner to open the Copeland Street Playground with proper supervision for the use of the school children, I report as follows:

The Copeland Street Playground in Roxbury is the property of the School Department. Under the circumstances it might be well to have it referred to the School Committee. At the present time, under the budget, no funds have been provided to operate a children's recreation program on school properties. However, when the summer program of the Park Department starts, after the schools have been closed, we would consider providing a couple of playground instructors if it meets with the approval of the School Committee.

Very truly yours,
JOHN J. MURPHY, Chairman.

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FLOODING OF GARVEY PLAYGROUND.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, April 12, 1948.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen,— I transmit herewith communication from the Chairman of the Park Department, relative to your order of April 5, 1948, concerning the flooded condition of Garvey Playground, and ways and means of remedying this situation.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Park Department, April 9, 1948.

Lawrence P. Gilligan,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.

Dear Sir,—I desire to acknowledge your memorandum, with enclosure, Council order requesting the Park Commissioner to confer with the Commissioner of Public Works relative to the flooding of the Garvey Playground in Neponset and to devise ways and means of remedying this situation.

I have conferred with the Commissioner of the Public Works Department and with the Engineer of the Sewer Division in regard to the flooding of this playground.

It has been found that a certain stoppage existed in the drain line due to the excessive snow on the playground which, when it melted and the field flooded, aggravated the condition. A relief has been accomplished by digging a trench and breaking through the brick wall of the manhole. The water has been running off, and the portion of the field flooded should be dry within a few

days. When normal weather conditions return, the stoppage trouble will be corrected. In the meantime the area will be kept dry.

Very truly yours,
JOHN J. MURPHY, Chairman.

Placed on file.

REPLACING OF TREES ON EAST BROADWAY.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, April 12, 1948.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I transmit herewith communication from the Chairman of the Park Department, relative to your order of April 5, 1948, concerning the replacing of the trees which have been removed on East Broadway, between L street and Farragut road.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Park Department, April 9, 1948.

Lawrence P. Gilligan,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.

Dear Sir,—In answer to your memorandum, with enclosure, City Council order, April 5, 1948, requesting the Park Commissioner to replace the trees which have been removed on East Broadway between L street and Farragut road, I report as follows:

There are many trees on Broadway, South Boston, between L street and Farragut road, most of which are elms. There are a few vacant spaces where trees could be planted. Elm trees are the only ones that should be planted, as most of the remaining trees are elms. At the present time, however, elms are subjected to the dreaded Dutch elm disease. Until this disease is under control, the planting of elm trees would be very unwise. Nothing was listed, when the budget was submitted, for planting more trees on this boulevard. The street, in general, is well taken care of with its present trees.

Considering all the circumstances, I feel it not feasible to plant any additional trees at this location, particularly this year.

Very truly yours,
JOHN J. MURPHY, Chairman.

Placed on file.

RESTORING CAR STOPS, UPHAMS CORNER SECTION.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, April 12, 1948.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I transmit herewith communication from the Metropolitan Transit Authority, concerning your order of March 22, 1948, regarding the restoring of car stops in the Uphams Corner section of Dorchester, and the advisability of constructing a safety island and shelters at the intersection of Hancock street and Columbia road, Dorchester.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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METROPOLITAN TRANSIT AUTHORITY,
April 9, 1948.

Mr. J. Joseph Connors,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.

Dear Sir,—In reply to your letter of March 24, with copy of order of the City Council, relative to stopping places at Uphams Corner and requesting that consideration be given to the advisability of constructing a safety island and shelters at the intersection of Hancock street and Columbia road, Dorchester, I would say that we agreed to a change in stopping places in the vicinity of Uphams Corner for a trial period at the request of the Dorchester Board of Trade, and at a recent conference with representatives of the Dorchester Board of Trade, the Uphams Corner Improvement Association, Monsignor Dalton, and City Councilors Hannon and Ramsey, it was agreed that the stopping places should be restored to their original locations. This will be done as promptly as possible.

Trackless trolleys will be substituted for the present car service in the Dorchester section in the near future, and it is not deemed advisable to provide an island and shelters at the intersection of Hancock street and Columbia road.

Very truly yours,
EDWARD DANA,
General Manager.

Placed on file.

CLEANING AND REPAIRING OF STREETS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, April 12, 1948.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—The Public Works Commissioner informs me that as a result of one of the severest winters in the history of the City of Boston practically all of the streets of the city are in need of repairs, ranging from the filling of minor holes to major reconstruction work. In order that this repair work may be constructed with as little delay as possible, it is estimated that an additional appropriation of $200,000 will be needed for the reconstruction of streets.

The constant sanding of icy pavements, together with the regular debris left over from the melting snow, makes necessary an additional appropriation of $100,000 for the proper cleaning of the streets of the city.

Accordingly, there is forwarded herewith for consideration and adoption by your Honorable Body an order appropriating the sum of $300,000 for the repair and cleaning of the streets of the city.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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Ordered, That the sum of three hundred thousand dollars ($300,000) be, and hereby is, appropriated, to be expended as hereinafter specified, said sum to be raised by taxes on the polls and estates in the City of Boston and that all orders heretofore or hereinafter passed by the City Council relating to appropriations, taxes, and the interest thereon apply to the appropriations and taxes herein provided for.

Public Works Department (Sanitary Service).

B. Contractual Services..... $100,000 00
19. Removal of
Waste..... $100,000 00

Special Appropriation.

Reconstruction of Streets..... $200,000 00

Total..... $300,000 00

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received and referred to the committees named, viz.:

Claims.

Juanita Coker, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at 227 East Canton street.

John J. Brown, to be reimbursed as result of accident which occurred while in performance of duty.

John T. Cole, to be reimbursed as result of accident which occurred while in performance of duty.

Florence J. Conrad, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in Massachusetts avenue.

Francis S. Ellard, to be reimbursed as result of accident which occurred while in performance of duty.

Joseph P. Hanley, to be reimbursed as result of accident which occurred while in performance of duty.

Nicholas Iacoviello, for compensation for injuries caused by city truck.

Irving Imber, M. D., for compensation for damage to car by city car.

Paul I. Isenstein, for compensation for damage to car by city ambulance.

Anna Jones, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at Northampton and Washington streets.

Hugh F. Mains, to be reimbursed as result of accident which occurred while in performance of duty.

Megowen-Educator Food Company, for compensation for damage to truck by snowplow.

John H. O'Donnell, to be reimbursed as result of accident which occurred while in performance of duty.

Frank Perez, for compensation for damage to car caused by being sprayed with paint while driving through Sumner Tunnel.

Elsie Reisman, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at 60 Lawrence avenue.

The Salvation Army, for compensation for damage to truck by fire truck.

Reginald L. Taylor, for compensation for damage to car by city truck.

Earle S. Tyler, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at 167 Cambridge street.

Executive.

Petition of Catherine V. Morrissey for annuity because of death of her husband, William P. Morrissey, late member of Police Department.

PERMITS FOR CHILDREN.

Petition of Thomas Nazzaro for children under fifteen years of age to appear at Symphony Hall on April 18, 1948.

Permit granted under usual conditions.

NOTICES OF TAKINGS.

Notices of takings by the Mystic River Bridge Authority were received as follows:

Mary E. Reddy, 57 and 59 Decatur street.

City of Boston, 156 and 156A Decatur street.

Margaret M. Sexton, 97 Decatur street.

Annie and Edward Toland, 99 and 101 Decatur street.

Reconstruction Finance Corporation, 165 Chelsea street.

Severally placed on file.

RECESS.

President HANNON declared a recess at 2.20 p. m. for the purpose of going into Executive Session. The members reassembled and were called to order by President HANNON at 3.10 p. m.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LICENSES.

Coun. COFFEY, for the Committee on Licenses, submitted the following:

Report on petition of National League Baseball Club for Sunday sports at Braves Field (referred March 29)— recommending that license be granted.

Report on petition of Boston American League Baseball Club for Sunday sports at Fenway Park (referred March 15)— recommending that license be granted.

The reports were accepted and licenses granted under usual conditions.

The bonds of the Boston American League Baseball Company and the National League Baseball Club of Boston, Inc., were submitted and approved by the Council.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Coun. McCORMACK, for the Executive Committee, submitted the following:

1. Report on petition of Mary Ryan (referred March 8) to be paid an annuity, recommending passage of following order:

Ordered, That under the provisions of section 89 of chapter 32 of the General Laws, an annuity of $1,000 be allowed and paid to Mary Ryan, widow of James W. Ryan, a member of the Fire Department who died on February 29, 1948, on account of injuries received in the performance of his duty, said annuity to continue so long as she remains unmarried; the payments to date from February 29, 1948, and to be charged to the appropriation for Fire Department, Pensions and Annuities.

Report accepted; said order passed.

2. Report on message of the Mayor and order (referred April 5) that $5,000 be appropriated from income received from Commonwealth under provisions of chapter 685, Item 0406-05 of Acts of 1947, to be expended for rental and maintenance of First Corps Cadets' Armory—that same ought to pass.

The report was accepted, and the question came on the passage of the order. The roll was called, and the order was passed, yeas 18, nays 0:

Yeas—Councilors Ansel, Beades, Bryan, Cantwell, Chase, Coffey, Cook, Hannon, Hurley, Kinsella, Lanigan, Linehan, McCormack, Ramsey, Shanley, Sullivan, Tracy, Yerxa—18.

Nays—0.

Voting Present—Councilor Keenan.

3. Report on message of Mayor and order (referred February 16) for sale of land in Fenway for $25,000 to George Robert White Fund for purpose of erecting War Memorial Center—that same ought to pass.

The report was accepted, and the question came on the passage of the order. Coun. CHASE moved that the order be laid on the table. The motion was lost. The order was given its first reading and passage, yeas 16, nays 4:

Yeas—Councilors Ansel, Beades, Bryan, Cantwell, Carey, Coffey, Hannon, Hurley, Keenan, Kinsella, Lanigan, McCormack, Ramsey, Shanley, Sullivan, Tracy—16.

Nays—Councilors Chase, Cook, Linehan, Yerxa—4.

Assigned for fourteen days for final action.

4. Report on message of Mayor and communications (referred April 5) concerning memorial to war dead in Fenway—recommending that same be placed on file.

The report was accepted, and the communications were placed on file.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC LANDS.

Coun. TRACY for the Committee on Public Lands, submitted the following:

Report on message of Mayor and order (referred March 29) re transfer of 1.50 acres of land within Ensign John J. Doherty, Jr., Playground, Charlestown, to George Robert White Fund for $19,500, for construction of swimming pool, bathhouse and bleachers—that same ought to pass.

The report was accepted, and the question came on giving the order its second reading and passage. The order was given its second reading and passage, yeas 20, nays 0:

Yeas—Councilors Ansel, Beades, Bryan, Cantwell, Carey, Chase, Coffey, Cook, Hannon, Hurley, Keenan, Kinsella, Lanigan, Linehan, McCormack, Ramsey, Shanley, Sullivan, Tracy, Yerxa—20.

Nays—0.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ORDINANCES.

Coun. HURLEY, for the Committee on Ordinances, submitted the following:

Report on ordinance concerning automatic amusement devices (referred April 5)—that same be adopted.

The report was accepted, and the ordinance was adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RULES.

Coun. KEENAN, for the Committee on Rules, submitted the following:

Report on order (referred March 29) that rules of Council be so changed in Rules 4 and 26 as to allow orders to be introduced before a recess is called for the purpose of going into Executive Session—that same ought to pass.

The report was accepted, and the question came on the passage of the order. The order was rejected, 15 votes being required for passage, yeas 13, nays 3:

Yeas—Councilors Ansel, Beades, Bryan, Carey, Chase, Coffey, Keenan, Lanigan, Linehan, McCormack, Ramsey, Shanley, Tracy—13.

Nays—Councilors Cook, Hannon, Hurley—3.

Voting present—Councilors Cantwell, Sullivan, Yerxa—3.

On motion of Councilor Coffey the foregoing vote was reconsidered. The order was passed, yeas 17, nays 2:

Yeas—Councilors Ansel, Beades, Bryan, Carey, Chase, Coffey, Hurley, Keenan, Kinsella, Lanigan, Linehan, McCormack, Ramsey, Shanley, Sullivan, Tracy, Yerxa—17.

Nays—Councilors Cook, Hannon—2.

Voting present—Councilor Cantwell.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PARKMAN FUND.

Coun. CHASE, for the Committee on Parkman Fund, submitted the following:

Report on message of Mayor and order (referred March 29) appropriating $38,000 from income of Parkman Fund to be expended under direction of the Park Commissioners for maintenance and improvement of the Common and Parks in Existence on January 12, 1887—recommending that order be passed.

The report was accepted, and the question came on the passage of the order. The order was passed, yeas 20, nays 0:

Yeas—Councilors Ansel, Beades, Bryan, Cantwell, Carey, Chase, Coffey, Cook, Hannon, Hurley, Keenan, Kinsella, Lanigan, Linehan, McCormack, Ramsey, Shanley, Sullivan, Tracy, Yerxa—20.

Nays—0.

SALE OF LAND ON CANAL STREET.

On motion of Councilor Bryan the Council took from the table No. 1 on the Calendar, viz.:

1. Order for sale of land on Canal street at public auction at an upset price of $125,000.

On March 15, 1948, the said order was read once and passed, yeas 17, nays 0.

The order was given its second reading and passage, yeas 18, nays 2.

Yeas—Councilors Ansel, Beades, Bryan, Cantwell, Carey, Coffey, Hannon, Hurley, Keenan, Kinsella, Lanigan, Linehan, McCormack, Ramsey, Shanley, Sullivan, Tracy, Yerxa—18.

Nays—Councilors Chase, Cook—2.

THE NEXT MEETING.

On motion of Councilor Coffey the Council voted that when it adjourned it be to meet on Monday, April 26, 1948, at 2 p. m.

INSTALLATION OF ARC LIGHTS, WARD 8.

Coun. HURLEY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Public Works Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to arrange for the installation of electric arc lights in front of the following-named locations: 9 Newcomb street, 24 Newcomb street, 20 East Lenox street.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

PREPAREDNESS DAY.

Coun. COOK offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to take such steps as he deems necessary and advisable to co-operate with the President's Program of Peace through Preparedness Day to be held on April 19.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

FILLING OF EXCAVATIONS, SOUTH BOSTON.

Coun. WENZLER offered the following:

Ordered, That the Public Works Commissioner fill in all excavations where the building or buildings have been torn down in the South Boston district; that if the land is owned by private owners the said land shall be filled in nevertheless.

Passed under suspension of rules.

SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION, WARD 6.

Coun. WENZLER offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to include in the 1948 granolithic sidewalk construction program the following streets in Ward 6:

East Seventh street; Grimes street; Loring street; West Third street, from D street to Dorchester street; and H street.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

COMMITTEE ON WAR VETERANS MEMORIAL.

Coun. CAREY offered the following:

Ordered, That the President of the Boston City Council appoint a committee to consist of all veterans within the City Council to confer with his Honor the Mayor and the members of the George Robert White Fund, relative to a suitable memorial to revere the memory of those veterans who died in all wars in which the United States has been engaged, and likewise to provide a suitable memorial for those living veterans of said wars; and be it further

Ordered, That said committee meet with his Honor the Mayor and the members of the White Fund at the earliest possible date.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

HOUSING FOR VETERANS, WARD 10.

Coun. CAREY offered the following:

Ordered: That his Honor the Mayor be requested to include the construction of one- and two-family houses for veterans in Ward 10, the same to be paid for out of the appropriation which the City of Boston will receive from the state as its share of the $200,000,000 which was reeently passed by the Legislature for this purpose.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

ANNUITY FOR MADELINE A. GROVES.

Coun. SULLIVAN offered the following:

Ordered, That under the provisions of chapter 326 of the Acts of 1936 the following annuities be allowed and paid, so long as she remains unmarried, to Madeline A. Groves, widow of Walter J. Groves, a member of the police force who died on August 2, 1937, on account of injuries received in the performance of his duty:

An annuity of $1,000, increased by $200 for each of the following-named children during such time as such child was or is under the age of eighteen or over said age and physically or mentally incapacitated for earning:

Ada Groves, born March 16, 1921; Walter Groves, born December 12, 1922; Leonard Groves, born January 17, 1925; Madeline Groves, born January 10, 1928; Evelyn Groves, born May 25, 1930; Frederick E. Groves, born August 25, 1932; Thomas F. Groves, born April 3, 1934; Joan R. Groves, born March 6, 1938.

The annuities herein authorized shall date and accumulate from August 2, 1937, provided that the total annuities for any one year shall not exceed $2,100, and provided further that the aggregate amount of the annuities accumulating prior to the approval of this order by the Mayor shall be reduced by the sum of $5,968.17; the amounts to be paid hereunder to be charged to the appropriation for Police Department, Pensions and Annuities.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

OPPOSITION TO BILL RE APPOINTMENT OF ASSESSORS.

Coun. CHASE offered the following:

Resolved, That the Boston City Council in regular meeting assembled hereby records itself as opposed to the bill now pending in the Legislature which would permit the present Mayor to appoint members to the Board of Assessors for a period of one to five years, and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be sent to the President of the Massachusetts Senate.

The resolution was rejected.

PLAQUE IN MEMORY OF FRANCES Y. SLANGER

Coun. ANSEL offered the following:

Ordered, That the Trustees of the George Robert White Fund be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to place a plaque in the new health center to be constructed in Ward 14 in memory of the late Frances Y. Slanger, hero nurse who gave her life in the European campaign.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

REOPENING OF RIPLEY STREET PLAYGROUND, WARD 14.

Coun. ANSEL offered the following:

Ordered, That the Park Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to reopen the Ripley Street Playground, Ward 14, and to assign an attendant and recreational instructors there during the summer season.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

REGRADING OF BASEBALL DIAMOND, FRANKLIN FIELD.

Coun. ANSEL offered the following:

Ordered, That the Park Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to regrade the baseball diamond adjoining the grandstand at Franklin Field, so that baseball teams may be able to use same.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

SICK LEAVE PROVISIONS.

Coun. BEADES and KEENAN offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to include in the sick leave provisions those city employees who are in the classified service as well as the labor service, so that no discrimination will be shown in regard to the annual 15-day sick leave with pay.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

SURVEY OF INTERSECTIONS, WARD 16.

Coun. BEADES offered the following:

Ordered, That the Traffic Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to make a survey of the intersection of Tolman street and Neponset avenue, also Minot street and Neponset avenue, Ward 16, with a view to installing traffic lights at these locations.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

Adjourned, on motion of Councilor Keenan, at 4.50 p. m., to meet on Monday, April 26, 1948, at 2 p. m.

Note: All debate of City Council eliminated from proceedings in accordance with Chapter 447, Acts of 1947.

(Stenographic copy of such debate on file in office of City Clerk.)

CITY OF BOSTON PRINTING DEPARTMENT

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of City Council.

Monday, April 26, 1948.

Regular meeting of the City Council held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 2 p. m., President HANNON in the chair. Absent, Councilor Coffey.

The meeting was opened with the salute to the Flag.

FIRE HYDRANTS, CITY SQUARE, CHARLESTOWN.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, April 13, 1948.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I transmit herewith communications from the Department of Public Works and the Boston Fire Department, relative to your order of March 8, 1948, concerning the conducting of a survey of the City square section of Charlestown, for the purpose of determining the need for additional fire hydrants in that area.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Public Works Department,
March 16, 1948.

J. Joseph Connors,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.

Dear Sir,—I return herewith order of the City Council that his Honor the Mayor be requested to instruct the Public Works Commissioner and the Chief of the Fire Prevention Bureau of the Boston Fire Department to conduct a survey of the City square section of Charlestown, for the purpose of determining the need for additional fire hydrants in that area.

The Water Division of the Public Works Department has been instructed to conduct a survey of the location mentioned above.

Very truly yours,
D. M. SULLIVAN,
Acting Commissioner of Public Works.

City of Boston,
Fire Department, April 5, 1948.

Mr. J. Joseph Connors,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.

Dear Sir,—Reference is made to your communication of March 10, 1948, with attached copy of order from the City Council, requesting the Chief of the Fire Prevention Bureau to conduct a survey of the City square section of Charlestown for the purpose of determining the need for additional fire hydrants in that area.

Upon receipt of your communication I directed the deputy chief in charge of the Fire Prevention Division to conduct a survey of the area which is now completed. I am forwarding for the consideration of his Honor, the Mayor, the report of Deputy Chief Montgomery, containing a recommendation to install two additional hydrants at the location specified in the chief's report. The installation of these hydrants is a function of the Water Division of the Public Works Department.

Very truly yours,
RUSSELL S. CODMAN, JR.,
Fire Commissioner.

City of Boston,
Fire Department, March 31, 1948.

Mr. Russell S. Codman, Jr.,
Fire Commissioner, Boston.

Dear Sir,— As a result of the survey request in the City Council order of March 8, the following information is submitted.

The City square and adjacent areas are not properly supplied with hydrants. As presently situated, there is one opposite 15 City square at the corner of Main street, one opposite the Young Men's Christian Association building, one at the corner of Rutherford avenue and Harvard street, and one on the approach to the high bridge at the White Tower lunch. Should these four hydrants be in use, long lines would be necessary for additional water, since there is only one within a reasonable distance from the square.

I recommend that two additional hydrants be installed in City square located as follows: Near the corner of Chelsea street in front of the Waldorf Lunch and near the drinking fountain on the park sidewalk.

Respectfully submitted,
EDW. N. MONTGOMERY,
Deputy Chief in Charge,
Fire Prevention Division.

Placed on file.

REPLACING OF GAS LAMPS THROUGHOUT CITY.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, April 14, 1948.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen,— I transmit herewith communication from the Public Works Department, relative to your order of March 8, 1948, concerning the replacing of gas lamps throughout the city wherever electric service is available, for the safety and protection of the public.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Public Works Department,
April 9, 1948.

Mr. J. Joseph Connors,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.

Dear Sir,— I return herewith order in City Council that the Commissioner of Public Works take immediate steps to replace gas lamps throughout the city wherever electric service is available, for the safety and protection of the public, and this will advise you that the Lighting Service of the Public Works Department has requested the Boston Edison Company to make a survey relative to this matter.

Very truly yours,
ROBERT P. CURLEY,
Commissioner of Public Works.

Placed on file.

REPLACING OF GAS LAMPS IN SOUTH BOSTON.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, April 14, 1948.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen,— I transmit herewith communication from the Public Works Department, relative to your order of February 16, 1948, concerning the replacing of all street gas lamps in the South Boston district with modern electric lights.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Public Works Department,
April 12, 1948.

Mr. J. Joseph Connors,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.

Dear Sir,— I return herewith order in City Council that the Commissioner of Public Works replace all street gas lamps in the South Boston district with modern electric lights, and this will advise you that the Lighting Service of the Public Works Department has requested the Boston Edison Company to make a survey relative to this matter.

Very truly yours,
ROBERT P. CURLEY,
Commissioner of Public Works.

Placed on file.

ELECTRIC LIGHT ON HENSHAW STREET, WARD 22.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, April 14, 1948.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen,— I transmit herewith communication from the Public Works Department, relative to your order of February 16, 1948, concerning the

installing of an electric light on Henshaw street, between Bentley and Market streets, Ward 22.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Public Works Department,
April 9, 1948.

Mr. J. Joseph Connors,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.

Dear Sir,—I return herewith order in City Council that the Commissioner of Public Works install an electric light on Henshaw street, between Bentley and Market streets, Ward 22, and this will advise you that the Lighting Service of the Public Works Department will have a survey made of this area with a view to installing a lamp as requested.

Very truly yours,
ROBERT P. CURLEY,
Commissioner of Public Works.

Placed on file.

REPLACING OF GAS LAMPS IN WARD 15.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, April 14, 1948.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I transmit herewith communication from the Public Works Department, relative to your order of February 16, 1948, concerning the replacing of all street gas lamps in Ward 15 with modern electric lights.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Public Works Department,
April 9, 1948.

Mr. J. Joseph Connors,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.

Dear Sir,—I return herewith order in City Council that the Commissioner of Public Works replace all street gas lamps in Ward 15 with modern electric lights, and this will advise you that the Lighting Service of the Public Works Department has requested the Boston Edison Company to make a survey relative to this matter.

Very truly yours,
ROBERT P. CURLEY,
Commissioner of Public Works.

Placed on file.

CONSTRUCTION OF GRANOLITHIC SIDEWALKS

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, April 21, 1948.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I transmit herewith communication from the Commissioner of Public Works, relative to your order of March 29, 1948, concerning the appropriation of $150,000 for the construction of granolithic sidewalks on streets which already have a macadamized surface, and on which no provision has been made for sidewalks.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Public Works Department,
April 20, 1948.

Mr. J. Joseph Connors,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.

Dear Sir,—I return herewith order in City Council that under chapter 44 of the General Laws, section 7, Appendix R, his Honor the Mayor be requested to appropriate $150,000 for the construction of granolithic sidewalks on streets which already have a macadamized surface and on which no provision has been made for sidewalks, and this will advise you that there are in Boston a great many streets originally constructed without edgestones or permanent sidewalks.

Chapter 44, section 7, of the General Laws, which provides for the "Public Ways, Construction of Loan," requires that any sidewalks, other than those built in the original construction of a street, be financed by five-year bonds.

All money borrowed by the City of Boston under the "Public Ways, Construction of, Loan" is on ten-year bonds.

The 1948 budget provides $50,000 for construction and reconstruction of sidewalks, all of which is required for the maintenance of existing sidewalks.

In order to provide for the construction of sidewalks in conjunction with the reconstruction of streets, it would be necessary to appropriate approximately $150,000, to be used as down payment on a separate loan for the construction of sidewalks, or to appropriate the same amount annually, as the yearly expenditure would be about $150,000.

Very truly yours,
ROBERT P. CURLEY,
Commissioner of Public Works.

Placed on file.

SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION, WARD 6 STREETS.

The following was received:

City of Boston.
Office of the Mayor, April 15, 1948.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I transmit herewith communication from the Department of Public Works, relative to your order of April 12, 1948, concerning the including in the 1948 granolithic sidewalk construction program of the following streets in Ward 6:

East Seventh street; Grimes street; Loring street; West Third street, from D street to Dorchester street; H street.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Public Works Department,
April 15, 1948.

Mr. Lawrence P. Gilligan,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.

Dear Sir,—I return herewith order in City Council that the Commissioner of Public Works include in the 1948 granolithic sidewalk construction program the following streets in Ward 6:

East Seventh street; Grimes street; Loring street; West Third street, from D street to Dorchester street; and H street.

Please be advised that the work requested above will be placed on the list of streets to be given consideration for the installation of granolithic sidewalks during the present year.

Very truly yours,
ROBERT P. CURLEY,
Commissioner of Public Works.

Placed on file.

SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION, WARD 7.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, April 15, 1948.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I transmit herewith communication from the Department of Public Works, relative to your order of March 29, 1948, concerning the including in the 1948 granolithic sidewalk construction program of the following streets in Ward 7:

Willow court; East Sixth street; I street; Gates street; Mercer street; Knowlton street; National street; Atlantic street; Pacific street.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Public Works Department,
April 15, 1948.

Mr. J. Joseph Connors,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.

Dear Sir,—I return herewith order in City Council that the Commissioner of Public Works include in the 1948 granolithic sidewalk construction program the following streets in Ward 7:

Willow court; East Sixth street; I street; Gates street; Mercer street; Knowlton street; National street; Atlantic street; Pacific street.

Please be advised that the above-named streets will be placed on the list of streets to be given consideration for this type of work during this present year.

Very truly yours,
ROBERT P. CURLEY,
Commissioner of Public Works.

Placed on file.

RESURFACING OF STREETS, WARD 22.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, April 13, 1948.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I transmit herewith communication from the Commissioner of Public Works, relative to your order of April 5, 1948, concerning the resurfacing with smooth pavement the following-named streets in Ward 22: Faneuil street, Fairbanks street, Brooks street.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Public Works Department,
April 13, 1948.

Mr. Lawrence P. Gilligan,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.

Dear Sir,—I return herewith order in City Council that the Commissioner of Public Works resurface with smooth pavement the following-named streets in Ward 22: Faneuil street, Fairbanks street, Brooks street.

Please be advised that the above-named streets will be put on the list of streets to be given consideration for construction this year.

Very truly yours,
ROBERT P. CURLEY,
Commissioner of Public Works.

Placed on file.

CLEANING OF CITY STREETS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, April 13, 1948.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I transmit herewith communication from the Public Works Department, relative to your order of April 5, 1948, concerning the appointment of sufficient men in the street-cleaning service to clean the streets of the city at the earliest possible date.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Public Works Department,
April 9, 1948.

Mr. Lawrence P. Gilligan,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.

Dear Sir,—Receipt is acknowledged of your memorandum of April 7, attaching order in Council, dated April 5, 1948, as follows:

"Ordered, That the Public Works Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to arrange for the immediate appointment of sufficient men in the street-cleaning service to clean the streets of the city at the earliest possible date."

Beginning Monday, April 12, 1948, arrangements have been made to employ a number of contractors who will furnish trucks, men, and supervision for the cleaning of streets in all sections of the city.

Very truly yours,
ROBERT P. CURLEY,
Commissioner of Public Works.

Placed on file.

RESURFACING OF ST. BRENDAN ROAD, WARD 16.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, April 13, 1948.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I transmit herewith communication from the Public Works Department, relative to your order of April 5, 1948, concerning the resurfacing of St. Brendan road, Ward 16, and installing sidewalks thereon.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Public Works Department,
April 13, 1948.

Mr. Lawrence P. Gilligan,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.

Dear Sir,—I return herewith order in the City Council that the Commissioner of Public Works resurface St. Brendan road, Ward 16, and install sidewalks thereon, and this will advise you that this work will be placed on the list of streets to be given consideration for construction this year.

Very truly yours,
ROBERT P. CURLEY,
Commissioner of Public Works,

Placed on file.

RESURFACING OF CROCKETT AVENUE, WARD 16.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, April 13, 1948.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I transmit herewith communication from the Public Works Department, relative to your order of April 5, 1948, concerning the resurfacing of Crockett avenue, Ward 16, and installing sidewalks thereon.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Public Works Department,
April 13, 1948.

Mr. Lawrence P. Gilligan,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.

Dear Sir,—I return herewith order in City Council that the Commissioner of Public Works resurface Crockett avenue, Ward 16, and install sidewalks thereon, and this will advise you that this work will be placed on the list of streets to be given consideration for construction this year.

Very truly yours,
ROBERT P. CURLEY,
Commissioner of Public Works.

Placed on file.

PLAYGROUND FACILITIES AT FRANKLIN PARK.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, April 13, 1948.

To the City Council

Gentlemen,—I transmit herewith communication from the chairman of the Park Department, relative to your order of March 29, 1948, concerning the establishment of playground facilities at Franklin Park for children, and to discontinue garden plots for this purpose, if necessary.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Park Department, April 12, 1948.

Mr. Joseph Connors,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.

Dear Sir,—In answer to your memorandum, with enclosure, City Council order, requesting the Park Commissioner to establish playground facilities at Franklin Park for children and to discontinue garden plots for this purpose, if necessary, I wish to report as follows:

The area of the Playstead, Franklin Park, is 26 acres. A short while ago about 14 acres of this lot were sold to the George Robert White Fund for a schoolboy stadium. It has been reported by his Honor the Mayor that work would start soon and would be completed by the fall.

The balance of the area could be used for baseball or gardens, or even a combination of both. The balance of 12 acres would provide about 400 garden lots which is the approximate number of gardens that were in the park last year. This year we have over 100 applications for garden plots. It is possible that before the gardening season opens we might have from 300 to 400 applications.

The City Councilors from those districts bordering on the park, claim the people want the field to be used for athletic purposes. My first thought is for the youngsters and I favor, first,

play areas for children. I do feel that his Honor should realize that all baseball would mean there, would be no gardens. I am going to provide baseball on this area this year.

Very truly yours,
JOHN J. MURPHY, Chairman.

Placed on file.

"STOP" SIGNS, WEST FOURTH STREET.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, April 23, 1948.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen,— I transmit herewith communication from the Traffic Commissioner relative to your order of March 8, 1948, concerning the placing of "Stop" signs on West Fourth street, easterly corner, at the corner of D street.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Traffic Commission, April 21, 1948.

Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Sir,— At a meeting of the Boston Traffic Commission held on April 12, 1948, it was voted to lay on the table the request contained in Council order submitted by Councilor Wenzler to install "Stop" signs at the intersection of D street and West Fourth street.

Respectfully submitted,
PHILIP T. DESMOND,
Acting Commissioner.

Placed on file.

JAMAICA STREET, WARD 11, ONE WAY.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, April 23, 1948.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen,— I transmit herewith communication from the Traffic Commissioner relative to your order of January 19, 1948, concerning the making of Jamaica street, Ward 11, a one-way street, starting near Woodman street and continuing around the circle.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Traffic Commission, April 21, 1948.

Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Sir,—In reply to Council order submitted by Councilor Tracy requesting that Jamaica street, Jamaica Plain, be made one way, please be advised that at a meeting of the Boston Traffic Commission held on April 12, 1948, it was voted to comply with this Council order.

Respectfully submitted,
PHILIP T. DESMOND,
Acting Commissioner.

Placed on file.

"STOP" SIGNS, L STREET, SOUTH BOSTON.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, April 23, 1948.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I transmit herewith communication from the Traffic Commissioner relative to your order of March 8, 1948, concerning the placing of "Stop" signs on both sides of all streets that intersect L street, South Boston.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Traffic Commission, April 21, 1948.

Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Sir,—In reply to Council order submitted by Councilors Wenzler and Linehan that "Stop" signs be placed on both sides of all streets that intersect L street, South Boston, please be advised that at a meeting of the Boston Traffic Commission held on April 12, 1948, it was voted to lay this matter on the table.

Respectfully submitted,
PHILIP T. DESMOND,
Acting Commissioner.

Placed on file.

TRAFFIC LIGHTS, DORCHESTER STREET, EAST BROADWAY AND WEST BROADWAY.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, April 23, 1948.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I transmit herewith further reply from the Traffic Commissioner relative to your order of February 16, 1948, concerning the installing of traffic lights at Dorchester street, East Broadway and West Broadway, and that L street be made a through way.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Traffic Commission, April 22, 1948.

Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Sir,—In further reply to Councilor Wenzler's requests that L street be made a through way and that traffic lights be installed at Dorchester street, East Broadway and West Broadway, please be advised that at a meeting of the Boston Traffic Commission held on April 12, 1948, it was voted that both matters be laid on the table.

Respectfully submitted,
PHILIP T. DESMOND,
Acting Commissioner.

Placed on file.

NO "U" TURN SIGNS, CAMBRIDGE AND SUDBURY STREETS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, April 23, 1948.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I transmit herewith communication from the Traffic Commissioner relative to your order of January 19, 1948, concerning the placing of no "U" turn signs, at the junction of Cambridge and Sudbury streets, Ward 3.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Traffic Commission, April 21, 1948.

Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Sir,—In reply to Council order submitted by Councilor Lanigan requesting that a no "U" turn sign be erected at the junction of Cambridge street and Sudbury street, please be advised that the necessary sign will be erected within a few days.

Respectfully submitted,
PHILIP T. DESMOND,
Acting Commissioner.

Placed on file.

"STOP" SIGNS, WARDS 18 AND 20.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, April 23, 1948.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I transmit herewith communication from the Traffic Commissioner, relative to your order of January 19, 1948, concerning the installing of "Stop" signs at the intersection of Washington, Beech and Walworth streets, in Wards 18 and 20.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Traffic Commission, April 21, 1948.

Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Sir,—In reply to Council order submitted by Councilors Bryan and Cantwell that "Stop" signs be erected at the intersection of Washington

street, Beech street, and Walworth street, please be advised that at a meeting of the Boston Traffic Commission held on April 12, 1948, it was voted to lay this matter on the table.

Respectfully submitted,
PHILIP T. DESMOND,
Acting Commissioner.

Placed on file.

MAKING OF LINCOLN STREET, BRIGHTON, ONE WAY.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, April 23, 1948.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I transmit herewith communication from the Traffic Commissioner, relative to your order of February 9, 1948, concerning the making of Lincoln street, Brighton, one way, going from Leo M. Birmingham Highway east to Cambridge street.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Traffic Commission, April 21, 1948.

Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Sir,—In reply to Council order submitted by Councilor Shanley that Lincoln street, Brighton, be made one way from Leo M. Birmingham Highway to Cambridge street, please be advised that at a meeting of the Boston Traffic Commission held on April 12, 1948, it was voted that this matter be laid on the table.

Respectfully submitted,
PHILIP T. DESMOND,
Acting Commissioner.

Placed on file.

MAKING OF LOTHROP STREET, BRIGHTON, ONE WAY.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, April 23, 1948.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I transmit herewith communication from the Traffic Commissioner, relative to your order of February 9, 1948, concerning the making of Lothrop street, Brighton, one way going from Portsmouth street to Leo M. Birmingham Highway.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Traffic Commission, April 21, 1948.

Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Sir,—In reply to Council order by Councilor Shanley that Lothrop street, Brighton, be made one way from Portsmouth street to Leo M. Birmingham Highway, please be advised that at a meeting of the Boston Traffic Commission held on April 12, 1948, it was voted that this matter be laid on the table.

Respectfully submitted,
PHILIP T. DESMOND,
Acting Commissioner.

Placed on file.

TRAFFIC LIGHTS, DORCHESTER STREET AND BROADWAY.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, April 23, 1948.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen,— I transmit herewith communication from the Traffic Commissioner, relative to your order of March 8, 1948, concerning the installing of traffic lights at the junction of Dorchester street and Broadway.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Traffic Commission, April 21, 1948.

Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Sir,— In reply to Council order submitted by Councilor Wenzler that traffic lights be installed at the junction of Dorchester street and Broadway, please be advised that at a meeting of the Boston Traffic Commission held on April 12, 1948, it was voted to lay this matter on the table.

Respectfully submitted,
PHILIP T. DESMOND,
Acting Commissioner.

Placed on file.

ESTABLISHMENTS FOR SALE OF SECONDHAND ARTICLES.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, April 21, 1948.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen,— I transmit herewith communication from the Police Commissioner relative to your order of March 22, 1948, concerning the notification of all abutters before the issuance of any permit for the establishment of any business for sale of secondhand articles, including automobiles.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Police Department, March 26, 1948.

Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Mr. Mayor,— I am in receipt of your letter dated March 24, 1948, inclosing copy of order passed by City Council on March 22, 1948, which reads in part as follows:

"Ordered, That the Police Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to notify all abutters, whether required by law to do so or not, before issuance of any permit for the establishment of any business for sale of secondhand articles, including automobiles . . ."

In all cases where application is made for a license involving the use of premises by secondhand dealers, public lodging houses, pawnshops, junk shops, and automobile dealers (Classes 1, 2, and 3), it is necessary that applicant for said license obtain approval of the Zoning Division of the Building Department before the application is investigated. For many years the stamp of approval of Zoning Board has been regarded as a prerequisite to the issuance of licenses. After approval of Zoning Board and a thorough investigation by the Police Department, licenses are usually granted to suitable persons.

The law relating to the sale of secondhand motor vehicles is specific and imposes a further duty on licensing authorities insofar as Class 3 licenses, known as "motor vehicle junk licenses," are concerned.

General Laws (Ter. Ed.) chapter 140, section 59, as amended, provides in part, as follows:

> "Section 59. . . . Cities and towns by ordinance or bylaw may regulate the situation of the premises of licenses within *class three* of section fifty-eight, and all licenses and permits issued hereunder to persons within said *class three* shall be subject to the provisions of ordinances and bylaws which are hereby authorized to be made. No license or permit shall be issued hereunder to a person within said *class three* until after a hearing, of which seven days' notice shall have been given to the owners of property abutting on the premises where such license or permit is proposed to be exercised . . ."

It would appear that the proposed procedure would be in violation of General Laws (Ter. Ed.) chapter 140, section 59, as amended, since the Legislature has specifically set forth that such procedure shall apply to only Class 3 licenses.

In view of the foregoing, I regret to report that it is not possible for me to comply with request contained in this order.

Very truly yours,
THOMAS F. SULLIVAN,
Commissioner.

Placed on file.

LOAN FOR CONSTRUCTION OF PUBLIC WAYS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, April 26, 1948.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—The Commissioner of Public Works has submitted to me a request for loan

authorization for the construction of public ways or permanent pavement amounting to $2,000,000.

Believing this to be necessary for the purposes outlined, I respectfully recommend to your Honorable Body the approval of the loan order herewith submitted.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Public Works Department,
April 16, 1948.

Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Mr. Mayor,—I respectfully recommend that you ask the City Council to make a loan appropriation of $2,000,000, under the title of Public Ways, Construction of.

To carry out the contemplated street construction program, I feel that it is absolutely necessary to obtain this money, which will be spent for the original construction of streets, as ordered by the Board of Street Commissioners, and for the reconstruction of streets and highways in various sections of the city, which, due to the conditions existing following the severe winter through which we have passed, are very much in need of rebuilding.

The so-called "down payment" has been provided in the budget appropriations for the current year, as made available by the City Council.

Respectfully yours,
ROBERT P. CURLEY,
Commissioner of Public Works.

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Ordered, That under the provisions of clause 5 of section 7 of chapter 44 of the General Laws, and under the provisions of chapter 393 of the Acts of 1906, the sum of $2,000,000 be, and hereby is, appropriated, to be expended under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works, for the construction of public ways or permanent pavement, and that, to meet said appropriation, the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on request of the Mayor, bonds or certificates of indebtedness of the city to said amount.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

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RENAMING OF PRINCE STREET PLAYGROUND.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, April 13, 1948.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I transmit herewith communication from the Chairman of the Park Department relative to your order of April 5, 1948, concerning the changing of the name of the Prince Street Playground, at Prince street, near the corner of Snow Hill street, to John DeFilippo Playground.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Park Department, April 9, 1948.

Lawrence P. Gilligan,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.

Dear Sir,—In answer to your memorandum, with enclosures, requesting the Park Commissioners, through Council order of April 5, 1948, to change the name of the Prince Street Playground, at Prince street, near the corner of Snow Hill street, to John DeFilippo Playground, in memory of the said John DeFilippo, veteran of World War II, killed in action in the service of his country, I wish to report as follows:

I have had investigated the history of this veteran, and I find that he was the type of young man for whom something should be done in the way of honoring his memory.

Since this order of the City Council was adopted, I have had a request from a prominent North End man and a veterans' organization who wish to be heard in a protest for the naming of any area in the vicinity for any one man. There has been no hearing to date, but it would be well to have all of those interested to be more or less unanimous before anything definite is done.

Very truly yours,
JOHN J. MURPHY, Chairman.

Placed on file.

PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received and referred to the committee named, viz.:

Claims.

Edward Ambrogne, to be reimbursed as result of accident which occurred while in performance of duty.

Meyer Banguer, for compensation for damage to property at 1587 Tremont street, caused by car of Paving Division.

Mrs. L. E. Bassett, for compensation for damage to property at 10 Leverett street, caused by broken water pipe.

Boston Baking Company, for compensation for damage to truck by city truck.

Boston Cab Company, for compensation for damage to cab by city truck.

Theodore W. Braveman, for compensation for damage to car by fire truck.

Jane Chesler, for compensation for damage to property caused by truck of Fire Department.

Margaret B. Churchill, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in Harvard avenue, Allston.

Michael J. Clifford, for compensation for damage to property caused by an alleged defect in Washington street.

Joseph Conforti, for compensation for damage to car by fire truck.

John Thomas Connelly, for compensation for damage to car by city truck.

John M. Curley, for compensation for damages caused by an alleged defect at 251 Heath street.

Joseph H. Dashner, to be reimbursed for executions issued against him.

Kapreal DerMarderosian, for compensation for damage to car by car of Transit Department.

Edward H. Dolan, to be reimbursed as result of accident which occurred while in performance of duty.

Frank Donlan, to be reimbursed as result of accident which occurred while in performance of duty.

Helen Foley, for compensation for injuries caused by truck of Fire Department.

Joseph A. Francis, for compensation for damage to clothing at city garage, Highland street, while putting out fire.

William G. Gassett, to be reimbursed for loss of teeth while patient at City Hospital.

Raymond H. Gorman, for compensation for damage to car by city car.

Abraham Hadgi, for compensation for damage to property by police vehicle.

Harry S. Huether, to be reimbursed as result of accident which occurred while in performance of duty.

Leo L. Hurd, for compensation for damage to car by city truck.

Bella Israel, for compensation for damage to property at 65–67 River street, caused by broken water main.

Belle C. Jones, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in Cambridge street, Allston.

Michael Kaczka, to be reimbursed as result of accident which occurred while in performance of duty.

Julius Kardonsky, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at 444 Beech street.

Gordon E. Legg, for compensation for damage to car by city truck.

Frank Levine, for compensation for damage to car caused by paint in Sumner Tunnel.

Alex J. MacKinnon, for compensation for damage to car caused by an alleged defect at 247 Lincoln street.

Bernice Maloney, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in Homes avenue.

Margaret M. Martine, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at 27 Mystie street, Charlestown.

Mrs. William McKay, for compensation for injuries to daughter caused by an alleged defect in Henry Vane School.

John A. Mitchell, to be reimbursed for clothes stolen at City Hospital.

Polly Moses, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at Montello and Robinson streets.

Edward A. Myles, for compensation for damage to car by city truck.

Catherine Oldfield, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at 323 and 325 Tremont street.

Napoleon J. Rabideau, for compensation for damage to car caused by an alleged defect in Brookline avenue.
Edna M. Riley, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in Waumbeck street.
Myer Silver, for compensation for damage to car by city car.
Erminia Sorrentini, for compensation for damage to property at 513 Orleans street, caused by defective condition of sewer.
Florence Stys, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at 68 Cambridge street.
Harry K. Waldman, for compensation for damage to car caused by an alleged defect in Browning avenue.
Thomas W. Walsh, for compensation for damage to car by police car.

PERMITS FOR CHILDREN.

Petitions for children under 15 years of age to appear at places of public amusement were received, as follows:
Mary Campbell, Jordan Hall, June 2.
New England Foods Festival, Boston Garden, April 30, May 1, May 2.
Elsie Lyons Ware, Jordan Hall, June 3.
Thomas Nazzaro, Boston Opera House, April 25.
Lillafrances Viles, Hyde Park High School, May 17.
Permits granted under usual conditions.

MINORS' LICENSES.

Petitions for minors' licenses were received from 23 newsboys and 1 bootblack.
Licenses granted under usual conditions.

NOTICE OF INTEREST IN CONTRACT.

Notice was received from J. J. Benkert, member of Housing Authority, of interest as president-treasurer of J. J. Benkert Company in service order for street cleaning issued by Sanitary Division.
Placed on file.

RESIGNATION OF ELLERY SEDGWICK AS LIBRARY TRUSTEE.

Notice was received from the Mayor of resignation of Ellery Sedgwick as member of Board of Trustees, Public Library.
Placed on file.

APPOINTMENT OF FRANK J. DONAHUE AS LIBRARY TRUSTEE.

Notice was received from the Mayor of the appointment of Frank J. Donahue, 110 Williams avenue, Hyde Park, as Library Trustee, for the unexpired term of Ellery Sedgwick, from April 13, 1948, to April 30, 1948.
Placed on file.

APPOINTMENT OF FRANK J. DONAHUE AS LIBRARY TRUSTEE.

Notice was received from the Mayor of the appointment of Frank J. Donahue, 110 Williams avenue, Hyde Park, as Library Trustee, for a term of five years ending April 30, 1953.
Placed on file.

NOTICE OF HEARING.

Notice was received from the Department of Public Utilities of hearing to be held April 26, at 10 a. m., on petition of Metropolitan Transit Authority for license for operation of motor vehicles over Washington street, between Arborway Station and Dudley street; over Guild row, between Roxbury street and Dudley street.
Placed on file.

FEES OF LICENSES FOR SALE OF SECONDHAND MOTOR VEHICLES.

Notice was received from the Police Commissioner of newly established fees of licenses for sale of second-hand motor vehicles, in accordance with provisions of chapter 181, Acts of 1948.
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REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONFIRMATIONS.

Coun. ANSEL, for the Committee on Confirmations, submitted the following:

1. Report on appointments by the Mayor (referred April 12) of minor officers paid by fees, as contained in City Document 42, for term of one year beginning with first day of May, 1948—recommending that appointments be confirmed.

The report was accepted, and the question came on confirmation. Committee, Councilors Kinsella and Shanley. Whole number of ballots 15, yeas 15, and the appointments were confirmed.

2. Report on appointments by the Mayor (referred April 12) of constables authorized to serve civil process upon filing of bond as contained in City Document 43, for term of one year beginning with first day of May, 1948—recommending confirmation of the appointments, with the exception of Michael W. Ober and George N. Pierce.

The report was accepted, and the question came on confirmation. Committee, Councilors Wenzler and Keenan. Whole number of ballots 16, yeas 16, and the appointments, with the foregoing exceptions, were confirmed.

3. Report on appointments by the Mayor (referred April 12) of constables not authorized to serve civil process and to serve without bond, as contained in City Document 44, for term of one year beginning with first day of May, 1948—recommending that appointments be confirmed.

The report was accepted.

Councilor Chase's motion to recommit the appointments to the Committee on Confirmations was lost.

Councilor Chase's motion to reconsider the foregoing was lost. Yeas 4, nays 12:

Yeas—Councilors Chase, Linehan, Wenzler, Yerxa—4.

Nays—Councilors Ansel, Beades, Bryan, Hannon, Hurley, Kinsella, Lanigan, McCormack, Ramsey, Shanley, Sullivan, Tracy—12.

The question came on confirmation as recommended by the committee. Committee, Councilors Lanigan and McCormack. Whole number of ballots 17, yeas 13, nays 4, and the appointments were confirmed.

PRESENTATION OF SCROLL TO COUNCILOR COOK.

President HANNON declared a five-minute recess, and appointed Councilors Ansel, Keenan, Beades and Bryan a committee to escort Councilor Cook to the chair, where President HANNON presented Councilor Cook a scroll in recognition of the honor accorded Councilor Cook on his elevation to the high position of State Commander of the Jewish War Veterans. Councilor Cook thanked the councilors for their consideration.

SALE OF LAND IN FENWAY TO WHITE FUND.

Coun. SULLIVAN moved that No. 1 on the Calendar, under unfinished business, be taken from the Calendar, viz.:

1. Order for sale of parcel of land in the Back Bay Fens, for $25,000, to the George Robert White Fund for war memorial center.

On April 12, 1948, the said order was read once and passed, yeas 16, nays 4.

Coun. SULLIVAN requested leave to withdraw his motion. There being no objection, the motion was withdrawn.

ACCEPTANCE OF CHAPTER 206, ACTS OF 1948.

President HANNON offered the following:
Ordered, That chapter 206 of the Acts of 1948, entitled, "An Act Relative to the Grading, Construction, Reconstruction or Repair of Certain Private Ways Open to the Public Use in the City of Boston," be, and hereby is, accepted.
Referred to the Executive Committee.

HOUSING PROJECT ON "MILE ROAD."

President HANNON offered the following:
Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to formulate plans for the erection of a Federal housing project on the site known as "Mile road," South Boston.
Passed under suspension of the rules.

TRANSFER OF CITY HOSPITAL EMPLOYEES TO OTHER CITY DEPARTMENTS.

President HANNON offered the following:
Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to contact Civil Service authorities and ascertain the possibility of permitting employees of the City Hospital to obtain transfer to other departments of the city.
Passed under suspension of the rules.

RESURFACING OF CERTAIN WARD 18 STREETS.

Coun. CANTWELL offered the following:
Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to resurface the following streets in Ward 18:
Alpheus road, Bateman street.
Passed under suspension of the rules.

RECONSTRUCTION OF CERTAIN STREETS, WARD 18.

Coun. CANTWELL offered the following:
Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to reconstruct the following streets in Ward 18:
Mansfield street, Weeks street, Jeffers street, Colchester street.
Passed under suspension of the rules.

Coun. CANTWELL in the chair.

USE OF PLAYSTEAD FOR RECREATIONAL PURPOSES.

Coun. COOK, TRACY and McCORMACK offered the following:
Ordered, That the Park Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to make available, by such steps as are necessary, the playstead at Franklin Park for recreational purposes.
Passed under suspension of the rules.

OPENING OF COPELAND STREET PLAYGROUND.

Coun. COOK offered the following:
Ordered, That the Park Commissioner and the School Committee be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to take immediate steps to open up the Copeland Street Playground, Ward 12, with proper supervision.
Passed under suspension of the rules.

INSTALLATION OF LIGHTS, WARD 12.

Coun. COOK offered the following:
Ordered, That the Public Works Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to install lights at the corner of Tupelo and Quincy streets and Mayhury and Quincy streets, Ward 12.
Passed under suspension of the rules.

RECESS.

On motion of Councilor Sullivan the Council voted to take a recess at 2.58 p. m. The members reassembled and were called to order by President HANNON at 4 p. m.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS.

Coun. BRYAN, for the Committee on Appropriations, submitted the following:
Report on message of the Mayor and order (referred April 12) for appropriation of $300,000 for Public Works Department—recommending passage in following new draft:
Ordered, That the sum of one hundred thousand dollars ($100,000) be, and hereby is, appropriated, to be expended as hereinafter specified, said sum to be raised by taxes on the polls and estates in the City of Boston and that all orders heretofore or hereinafter passed by the City Council relating to appropriations, taxes, and the interest thereon, apply to the appropriations and taxes herein provided for.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Sanitary Service.

B. Contractual Services..... $100,000
19. Removal of Waste..... $100,000

The report was accepted, and the question came on the passage of the order. The order was passed, yeas 15, nays 0:
Yeas—Councilors Ansel, Beades, Bryan, Cantwell, Carey, Hannon, Hurley, Keenan, Kinsella, Linehan, McCormack, Ramsey, Shanley, Sullivan, Yerxa—15.
Nays—0.

BASEBALL DIAMOND AND TENNIS COURTS, FRANKLIN FIELD.

Coun. ANSEL offered the following:
Ordered, That the Board of Park Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to take immediate steps to put the baseball diamond and the tennis courts at Franklin Field in first-class playing condition.
Passed under suspension of the rules.

NAMING OF SQUARE IN MEMORY OF LAWRENCE J. RILEY.

Coun. ANSEL offered the following:
Ordered, That the committee for the naming of squares and playgrounds be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to name the square at the junction of Carmen street, Ripley road, and Vassar street, Dorchester, in memory of Lawrence J. Riley.
Passed under suspension of the rules.

CONSTRUCTION OF VETERANS' MEMORIAL AUDITORIUM.

Coun. LINEHAN, COOK and YERXA offered the following:
Whereas, It is very probable that the City of Boston's veterans' housing program will be transferred to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts veterans' housing program, under chapter 200 of the Acts of 1948, resulting in a saving of millions of dollars already appropriated under loan orders but not already allocated; therefore be it
Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to forward to the Boston City Council a loan order or a request for a transfer of $2,000,000 from the City of Boston's veterans' housing fund for the purpose of constructing a City of Boston veterans' memorial auditorium. Plans submitted to the Trustees of the George Robert White Fund for the construction of a veterans' memorial auditorium may be used for said purpose at a saving of many thousands of dollars.
Passed under suspension of the rules.

REQUESTED REPORT ON HOUSING PROGRESS.

Coun. LINEHAN and WENZLER offered the following:

Ordered, That the Boston Housing Authority be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to appear before the Executive Committee of the City Council to furnish a progress report on Boston's veterans' housing and the present status of the South Boston and Cathedral sites for low-income housing. The Boston Housing Authority is also requested to make an early study of chapter 200 of the Acts of 1948, in preparation for transferring the entire Boston veterans' housing program over to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts housing program under said chapter 200; and be it further

Ordered, That the Boston Housing Authority be requested not to build any multiple dwelling units of second-class construction of the City of Boston veterans' housing program either under chapter 372 of the Acts of 1946, as amended, or chapter 200 of the Acts of 1948.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

PLAYING FIELDS AT RYAN FIELD.

Coun. KINSELLA offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to instruct the Park Department Chairman to renew the playing fields at Ryan Field, Sullivan square, Ward 2, for the coming baseball season.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

ARC LIGHT, HATCH STREET AND MARINE ROAD.

Coun. WENZLER and LINEHAN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Public Works Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to install an arc light at the corner of Hatch street and Marine road, South Boston.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

CLEANING OF FATHER BUCKLEY'S PLAYGROUND AND THOMAS PARK.

Coun. WENZLER offered the following:

Ordered, That the Board of Park Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to clean Father Buckley's Playground and also to repair the benches and clean Thomas Park and place a custodian in charge thereon.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

PREFERENCE TO BLIND VETERANS FOR NEWSPAPER STANDS.

Coun. WENZLER offered the following:

Ordered, That the Licensing Division of the City of Boston be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to grant first preference for newspaper stands to blind veterans where said permits are granted by the city.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

PLAY AREA AT B AND THIRD STREETS.

Coun. WENZLER offered the following:

Ordered, That the Board of Park Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to establish a play area at the corner of B and Third streets, South Boston, for small children.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CLAIMS.

Coun. LANIGAN, for the Committee on Claims, submitted the following:

Report on petition of Frank C. Burns (referred April 5) to be reimbursed for amount of execution issued against him on account of his acts as operator of motor vehicle belonging to Police Department—recommending passage of the accompanying order:

Ordered, That the sum of four hundred fifty dollars ($450) be allowed and paid to Frank C. Burns in reimbursement for amount of execution issued against him on account of his act as operator of a motor vehicle belonging to the Police Department, said sum to be charged to the Contingent Fund.

Report on petition of George W. Girvan (referred April 5), to be reimbursed for amount of execution issued against him on account of his acts as member of Boston Police Department—recommending passage of accompanying order:

Ordered, That the sum of three hundred fifty dollars ($350) be allowed and paid to George W. Girvan in reimbursement for amount of execution issued against him on account of his acts as member of Boston Police Department, said sum to be charged to the Contingent Fund.

Report on petition of Angelo J. Spina (referred April 5), to be reimbursed for amount of execution issued against him on account of his acts as operator of motor vehicle belonging to Sanitary Division, Public Works Department—recommending passage of accompanying order:

Ordered, That the sum of thirty-eight dollars and twenty-seven cents ($38.27) be allowed and paid to Angelo J. Spina in reimbursement for amount of execution issued against him on account of his acts as operator of motor vehicle belonging to Sanitary Division, Public Works Department, said sum to be charged to the Contingent Fund.

Report on petition of James H. Mooney (referred March 29) to be reimbursed for amount of execution issued against him on account of his acts as Building Commissioner for City of Boston—recommending passage of accompanying order:

Ordered, That the sum of three thousand dollars ($3,000) be allowed and paid to James H. Mooney in reimbursement for amount of execution issued against him on account of his acts as Building Commissioner for the City of Boston, said sum to be charged to the Contingent Fund.

Report on petition of Michael V. Dailey (referred April 28) to be reimbursed for amount of execution issued against him on account of his acts as operator of motor vehicle belonging to Park Department—recommending passage of accompanying order:

Ordered, That the sum of one thousand one hundred fifty-six dollars ($1,156) be allowed and paid to Michael V. Dailey in reimbursement for amount of execution issued against him on account of his acts as operator of motor vehicle belonging to Park Department, said sum to be charged to the Contingent Fund.

Reports accepted; said orders severally passed.

"STOP" SIGNS, SOUTH HOBART STREET.

Coun. SHANLEY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Traffic Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to install "Stop" signs at the intersection of Arlington and South Hobart streets on South Hobart street.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

RESURFACING OF CERTAIN STREETS, WARD 22.

Coun. SHANLEY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Public Works Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to resurface Breck avenue and Lincoln street, Ward 22, and, further, that sidewalks be constructed on Breck avenue.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

PUBLIC HEARING ON LIGHTING SITUATION.

Coun. SHANLEY and BEADES offered the following:

Ordered, That the Executive Committee of the Boston City Council be requested to hold a public

advertising meeting within the next two weeks for the purpose of discussing the lighting situation in the City of Boston.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

INVESTIGATION OF TELEPHONE RATES.

Coun. RAMSEY offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to recommend an appropriation, to be expended under the direction of the Corporation Counsel, for the purpose of cooperating with the special commission authorized in House Bill No. 431 in the investigation of the rate structure of the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

RESOLUTION RE TENURE OF CHAIRMAN OF BOARD OF ASSESSORS.

President HANNON moved that No. 1 on the table be taken up for the purpose of removing it from the Calendar. No. 1 was as follows:

1. Resolution opposing life tenure for the Chairman of Board of Assessors.

The motion to take up No. 1 was carried. On motion of President HANNON the resolution was rejected.

On motion of Councilor Kinsella the Council adjourned at 4.30 p. m., to meet on Monday, May 3, 1948, at 2 p. m.

Note: All debate of City Council eliminated from proceedings in accordance with Chapter 447, Acts of 1947.
(Stenographic copy of such debate on file in office of City Clerk.)

CITY OF BOSTON PRINTING DEPARTMENT

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of City Council.

Monday, May 3, 1948.

Regular meeting of the City Council held in the Council Chamber, City Hall at 2 p. m., President HANNON in the chair. Absent, Councilor Coffey.

The meeting was opened with the salute to the Flag.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR.

Subject to confirmation by the Council, the Mayor submitted the following appointments:

John F. Henderson, 11 McDonough way, South Boston, Mass., as Constable for term of one year beginning with the first day of May, 1948, authorized to serve civil process on filing of bond.

Thomas H. Glynn, 15 Harvard terrace, Allston, Mass., John A. Murphy, 1634 Commonwealth avenue, Brighton, Mass., Timothy G. O'Neil, 91 Claybourne street, Dorchester, Mass., John P. Carcy, 63 Wenham street, Jamaica Plain, Mass., as Constables for term of one year beginning with the first day of May, 1948, not authorized to serve civil process, and to serve without bond.

John F. Buckley, 21 Chestnut street, Charlestown, Mass.; John E. Henry, 34 Garden street, Boston, Mass., as Weighers of Goods, for term ending April 30, 1949.

Severally referred to Committee on Confirmations.

SURVEY OF WARD 16 INTERSECTIONS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, April 27, 1948.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I transmit herewith communication from the Traffic Commission, relative to your order of April 12, 1948, concerning the making of a survey of the intersection of Tolman street and Neponset avenue, and also Minot street and Neponset avenue, Ward 16, with a view to installing traffic lights at these intersections.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Traffic Commission, April 23, 1948.

Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Sir,—In reply to blue memo from Chief Clerk Lawrence P. Gilligan, dated April 14, in which he requests consideration and report on Council order of Councilor Beades, that a traffic survey be made at the intersection of Tolman street and Neponset avenue, and Minot street and Neponset avenue, with a view to installing traffic lights at these intersections; Tolman street is a quiet residential street with very little traffic using this street. It enters into Neponset avenue making a "T" intersection. It is the opinion of the engineers of this commission that there is no necessity of installing a traffic light at this intersection.

The engineers of the Traffic Commission also feel that the volume of traffic and the accident records do not warrant the installation of traffic signals at Minot street and Neponset avenue.

Respectfully,
PHILIP T. DESMOND,
Acting Commissioner.

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CONSTRUCTION OF VETERANS' HOUSES, WARD 10.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, April 28, 1948.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I transmit herewith communication from the Boston Housing Authority, relative to your order of April 12, 1948, concerning the construction of one and two-family houses for veterans in Ward 10, same to be paid for out of the appropriation which the City of Boston will receive from the state as its share of the $200,000,000 which was recently passed by the Legislature for this purpose.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Boston Housing Authority,
April 27, 1948.

Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.

Subject: City Council order dated April 12, 1948, *re* construction of one and two-family houses for veterans in Ward 10.

Dear Mr. Mayor,—With respect to the City Council order of April 12, 1948, referred to in the subject, the Authority advises you that it will be pleased to take this matter under consideration.

The Authority wishes to point out to the Honorable, the City Council, at this time however, that despite enactment of the law, procedures have not been promulgated by the State Board of Housing which would allow this Authority to make application for specific developments.

As promptly as state financial guarantees are available be assured that every consideration will be given to this request.

Very truly yours,
CORNELIUS P. CRONIN, Chairman.

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BASEBALL DIAMOND, FRANKLIN FIELD.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, May 3, 1948.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I transmit herewith communication from the Park Department, relative to your order of April 12, 1948, concerning the regrading of the baseball diamond adjoining the grandstand at Franklin Field so that baseball teams may be able to use same.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Park Department, April 30, 1948.

Mr. Laurence P. Gilligan,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.

Dear Sir,—I have your memorandum of April 14 with enclosure, City Council order requesting the Park Commission to regrade the baseball diamond adjoining the grandstand at Franklin Field.

We are now working on all baseball diamonds on our parks and playgrounds, rolling and grading them so as to have them in good playing condition. The diamond adjoining the grandstand at Franklin Field is on the list and will be taken care of just as soon as we can get to it.

Please be assured it will be ready for use by baseball teams early this spring.

Very truly yours,
JOHN J. MURPHY, Chairman.

Placed on file.

LOAN FOR CONSTRUCTION OF BUILDINGS, ETC.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, May 3, 1948.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen,— I submit herewith a loan order in the sum of $4,315,000, for the construction of buildings by several departments of the city. The sum of $156,079.81 has already been appropriated in the 1948 budget as required under the provisions of section 7 of chapter 44 of the General Laws.

The major portion of this loan will be allocated for the construction of a 200-bed hospital on Long Island at a cost of $1,250,000 which will make possible the transfer of chronic patients now treated at the City Hospital; a building for the Fire Department at a cost of $1,500,000 which will include a garage and repair shop, space to house the administrative offices of the department, and a fire station to accommodate Engine 23 now located at 84 Northampton street; a new district

office building for the Welfare Department at 43 Fayette street, and an addition to the present Central Office Building at 43 Hawkins street at a total cost of $650,000; a garage, repair shop, and office building for the Traffic Commission at a cost of $500,000.

Other projects included in this loan order are a laundry building costing $160,000 and an incinerator costing $25,000 at Long Island Hospital; a branch library in Ward 16 at a cost of $100,000; a building for the Neurological Service at the City Hospital at a cost of $30,000; an incinerator at the Sanatorium at a cost of $35,000; a convenience station for women on Boston Common opposite West street at a cost of $35,000; and a golf starter's building at Franklin Park at a cost of $30,000.

I respectfully recommend to your Honorable Body the approval of the loan order herewith submitted.

Respectfully,
James M. Curley, Mayor.

Ordered, That under the provisions of clause (3) of section 7 of chapter 44 of the General Laws, the sum of four million three hundred and fifteen thousand dollars ($4,315,000) be, and hereby is, appropriated, to be expended by various departmental officials, under the direction of the Mayor, for construction of buildings, original equipment, and furnishings thereof, and for the acquisition of such land as may be required for such purposes; and that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on request of the Mayor, bonds or certificates of indebtedness of the city to said amount.

Referred to Committee on Finance.

AUTOMATIC AMUSEMENT DEVICES.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, April 30, 1948.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen,— On April 14, 1948, I approved the ordinance passed by your Honorable Body on April 12, 1948, concerning automatic amusement devices and providing in part that "On and after May 1, 1948, no person managing or controlling any restaurant, cafe, tavern or other eating or drinking establishment or any inn, hotel, club or public lodging house, or any store, terminal, public hall, bowling alley, place of amusement or other place to which members of the public may resort shall keep or offer for operation therein or allow to be kept or offered for operation therein any automatic amusement device, unless and until such automatic amusement device has been licensed by such licensing authority as the mayor shall from time to time appoint."

Between April 14, 1948, the date when I approved the ordinance, and tomorrow, May 1, 1948, when the ordinance becomes operative, there have been but eleven business days. This has proven much too short a time for the members of the public affected by the ordinance to get notice of its passage, ascertain its exact provisions, determine upon a suitable course of action, contact the Director of Standards and Necessaries of Life, and apply for and obtain licenses. Eleven days has also proven wholly inadequate for printing and distributing the necessary forms, acting upon applications, and issuing licenses.

Accordingly, I recommend the immediate passage of the accompanying ordinance changing the operative date of the ordinance concerning automatic amusement devices from May 1, 1948, to June 1, 1948.

Respectfully,
James M. Curley, Mayor.

City of Boston.

In the Year Nineteen Hundred and Forty-Eight.

An Ordinance Postponing the Time when the Ordinance Concerning Automatic Amusement Devices Becomes Operative.

Be it ordained by the City Council of Boston, as follows:

Paragraph (1) of section 101A of chapter 40 of the Revised Ordinances of 1947, as inserted by chapter 1 of the Ordinances of 1948, is hereby amended by striking out the words "On and after May 1, 1948," and inserting in place thereof the words "On and after June 1, 1948."

Referred to the Executive Committee.

Later in the session it was unanimously voted to withdraw the ordinance from the Executive Committee.

The ordinance was passed.

DEPOSIT OF CERTAIN MUNICIPAL FUNDS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, May 3, 1948.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—One of the statutes recently enacted by the General Court and approved by the Governor is St. 1948, c. 143, entitled "An Act Authorizing the City of Boston to Make Deposits in National Banks or Trust Companies in the City of New York." The full text of this Act is as follows:

"Section 1. Section 55 of chapter 44 of the General Laws, as appearing in the Tercentenary Edition, is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof the following: — For the purpose of paying the principal or interest due on any bonds, note or other obligation of the city of Boston, which is payable or requested to be paid in the city of New York, the city of Boston may keep on deposit in any national bank or trust company in the City of New York, a sum not exceeding in the aggregate twenty-five thousand dollars; provided, that for a period of two weeks prior to the date of any such payment or payments, said amount may be increased by a sum or sums sufficient to cover the same.

"Section 2. Said chapter 44 is hereby further amended by striking out section 55A, as so appearing, and inserting in place thereof the following section: — Section 55A. A city or town officer receiving public money and lawfully and in good faith and in the exercise of due care depositing the same in a savings bank or trust company organized under the laws of the commonwealth or in a national bank doing business in the commonwealth or, in the case of the city of Boston, in accordance with the provisions of section fifty-five in a national bank or trust company in the city of New York shall not be personally liable to the city or town for any loss of such money by reason of the closing up of such depository for the liquidation of its affairs."

Section 1 of chapter 36 of the Revised Ordinances of 1947 presently provides that the City Treasurer may deposit any portion of such current funds in such national bank or banks established in Boston, or such trust company or companies organized under the laws of Massachusetts and doing a banking business in Boston, and on such conditions and rates of interest, as he shall deem best, subject to the approval of the Mayor, provided, however, that the amount of such deposit in any bank or trust company shall not exceed 60 per cent of its paid-up capital.

Submitted herewith for your consideration is the draft of an ordinance which would amend section 1 of chapter 36 of the Revised Ordinances of 1947 and bring it into conformity with St. 1948, c. 143. The immediate adoption of the ordinance would enable the city to enjoy forthwith the full benefits of the new legislation.

Respectfully,
James M. Curley, Mayor.

City of Boston.

In the Year Nineteen Hundred and Forty-Eight.

An Ordinance Concerning the Deposit of Certain Municipal Funds.

Be it ordained by the City Council of Boston as follows:

Chapter 36 of the Revised Ordinances of 1947 is hereby amended by striking out section 1 and inserting in place thereof the following section:

Section 1. The treasury department shall be under the charge of the city treasurer, who shall require from his subordinates, for the faithful performance of their respective duties and for the safe custody of the money and other property intrusted to them, bonds to himself as obligee, with sureties satisfactory to the mayor, with penal sums as follows, namely, from the cashier, not less than twenty thousand dollars; from the tellers and paymasters, not less than ten thousand dollars each, and from all other permanent em-

ployees not less than five thousand dollars; shall receive, receipt for, and have the care and custody of, the current funds of the city from the time the same shall come into his possession, and also of all money, property, and securities which may come into his possession by virtue of any statute or ordinance, or as a gift, devise, bequest, or deposit; may deposit any portion of such current funds in such savings banks or trust companies organized under the laws of Massachusetts and doing business in Boston or such national banks or trust company in the city of New York, and on such conditions and rates of interest, as he shall deem best, subject to the approval of the mayor, provided, however, that no such deposit shall be made except in conformity with law; shall, with the mayor and city auditor, sign all bonds and certificates of indebtedness issued by the city; shall preserve all bids for loans, and papers relating thereto; and shall, if elected, serve as treasurer of the board of sinking funds commissioners.

Referred to Committee on Ordinances.

APPROPRIATION FOR LIBRARY DEPARTMENT.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, May 3, 1948.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—In compliance with the request contained in the attached communication from the president of the Trustees of the Public Library of the City of Boston, there is forwarded herewith an order appropriating the sum of thirty-nine thousand dollars ($39,000) from the special account, Sales of City Property.

Thirty thousand dollars of the appropriation is needed to enlarge the space available to the Print Department in the Central Library building, and $9,000 for the installation of two new staircases from the main floor of the Central Library building to the stack area immediately beneath, thus providing more public space on the main floor.

I respectfully recommend to your Honorable Body consideration and adoption of this order herewith submitted.

Respectfully,
James M. Curley, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Library Department, April 16, 1948.

Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Governor,—At a conference with the Budget Commissioner early this year in connection with budget allowances for the library for 1948, there was removed from the General Repairs account (B-39) an item amounting to $30,000 for enlarging the space available to the Print Department in the Central Library building, and a second item amounting to $9,000 needed for the installation of two new staircases from the main floor of the Central Library building to the stack area immediately beneath in connection with arranging public space on the main floor to bring about a much-needed improvement in service to the public.

The Budget Commissioner believed that both of these items were of a special nature for which provision ought not to be made in the ordinary budget allowances for the library for 1948. He therefore removed these items from the budget in the belief that funds for these two items could be made available at a later date from the Sales of City Property account.

It is now respectfully requested that the necessary steps be taken to provide the sum of $39,000 from the Sales of City Property account, in order that the above-mentioned changes may be undertaken as early as possible.

Respectfully,
Francis B. Masterson,
President.

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Ordered, That under the provisions of section 63 of chapter 44 of General Laws the sum of thirty-nine thousand dollars ($39,000) be, and the same hereby is, appropriated from the special account, Sales of City Property, to be expended under the direction of the Trustees of the Public Library of the City of Boston, for remodeling of the Central Library building.

Referred to Committee on Appropriations.

SALE OF STEAMER "MICHAEL J. PERKINS."

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, May 3, 1948.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—After the acquisition of a new boat by the Institutions Department, it was decided over a year ago to dispose of the Steamer "Michael J. Perkins," no longer needed or adaptable to any public purpose. At that time, your Honorable Body passed an order authorizing its sale at an upset price of five thousand (5,000) dollars.

To date, it has been impossible to sell the "Perkins" for the above-mentioned price, and it is now the opinion of the Institutions Commissioner that the order authorizing the sale of this boat should be $2,500. It is his belief that, at this upset price, the boat will be sold at a figure which might possibly approach the original sale price of $5,000.

I submit herewith an order for the sale of the Steamer "Michael J. Perkins," and respectfully recommend its passage by your Honorable Body.

Respectfully,
James M. Curley, Mayor.

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Ordered, That the Commissioner of Institutions be, and hereby is, authorized to sell at public auction, at an upset price of twenty-five hundred dollars ($2,500), the Steamer "Michael J. Perkins," no longer needed for public purposes.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

RULES REGULATING USE OF AUTOMATIC AMUSEMENT DEVICES.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, April 27, 1948.

By authority of paragraph (8) of section 101A of chapter 40 of the Revised Ordinances of 1947, as amended, and every other authority me hereunto enabling, I, in my capacity as Mayor of the City of Boston, do hereby make the following rules regulating the use and operation of automatic amusement devices licensed under said section 101A:

1. The licensing authority shall be the Chief of the Licensing Division in the office of the Mayor of Boston.

2. Nothing in a license granted under said section 101A shall in any way be construed to license, authorize, or permit any automatic amusement device which is illegal or unlawful for any reason apart from said section 101A; and no such license shall protect any automatic amusement device unless such device is of a type approved by the Director of Standards and Necessaries of Life under section 283 of chapter 94 of the General Laws.

3. Every license granted under said section 101A shall be kept in a conspicuous place on or near the automatic amusement device which it licenses or protects.

James M. Curley, Mayor.

Placed on file.

PETITIONS RECEIVED.

The following petitions were received and referred to the committees named, viz.:

Claims.

Ellery F. Atwood, for compensation for damage to car caused by an alleged defect in Sutherland road, Brighton.

Harold C. Blanchard, for compensation for damage to car by fire apparatus.

William A. Carey, for compensation for damage to car caused by an alleged defect at 1289 Tremont street.

Irving Cutler, for compensation for damage to property at 100 West Selden street, Dorchester, caused by city bulldozer.

Nicholas DiFronzo, for compensation for damage to car caused by being sprayed with paint while driving through Sumner Tunnel.

James A. Downs, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in Cambridge and North Grove streets.

Mary Ferriter, for compensation for damage to car by falling tree.

Jon Allen Green, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at Harriet E. Baldwin School.

Jeanne M. Harrington, for compensation for injuries caused by fire apparatus.

Patrick R. Hughes, for compensation for damage to property at 1556 Tremont street, Roxbury, caused by defective sewer.

David Jacobs, for compensation for damage to property at 40 Wall street, caused by city employees.

Hugh Lydon, for compensation for damage to property at 29 M street, caused by balls thrown from M Street park.

Vincenzo Morrone, for compensation for damage to property caused by an alleged defect at 166 Columbia road.

John Quincy, for compensation for damage to car by police car.

Clementina Raspa, for compensation for damage to property at 5 Garden Court street, caused when adjoining property was demolished.

Theresa Simpson, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at 98 Federal street.

Mrs. E. Tamburino, for compensation for injuries caused by fire apparatus.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis H. Wasserman, for compensation for damage to property at 81 and 83 Colborne road, caused by backing up of sewage.

Executive.

Petition of Elinor McGrath, to be paid annuity on account of death of her husband, John J. McGrath, late member of Police Department.

Petition of Levina C. Dougan, to be paid annuity on account of death of her husband, Joseph B. Dougan, late member of Fire Department.

PERMITS FOR CHILDREN

Petitions for children under 15 years of age to appear at places of public amusement were received, viz.:

Daniel D. Tierney, Jordan Hall, May 7.

Katharine M. Foley, Brown Hall, May 23.

Permits granted under usual conditions.

APPROVAL OF CONSTABLES' BONDS.

The following constables' bonds, having been duly approved by the City Treasurer, were received and approved by the Council, viz.:

Henry Atwood, Alfred Blaustein, Abram Bornstein, James A. Canton, John M. Crawford, Sidney Cohen, James E. Desmond, Patrick J. Donovan, Herman M. Finer, Samuel Goldkrand, Meyer Golstein, Bronis Kontrim, Mark H. Krafsure, Frank A. Mitchell, Norman M. Menzies, Jr., Phillip A. Phillips, William T. Ross, Jacob E. Schrank, Joseph P. Schrank, Isaac Shulman, Philip Scarnici, Frank Shaw, Clifford L. Smith, Joseph L. Shurtleff, William Tatel, Sidney Williams, William J. Baker, Frank J. Macchia, Hector Palladino, Joseph Simansky, Roman J. Vasil.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR.

Notices were received from the Mayor of the following appointments:

George Hansen, 150 Tremont street, member of Board of Commissioners of Sinking Funds, for term ending April 30, 1951, *vice* Patrick F. McDonald.

Thomas F. McGovern, 11 Aldworth street, Jamaica Plain, member of City Planning Board, for term ending April 30, 1953, *vice* Emil A. Gramstorff.

Frank T. Pedonti, 25 Billerica street, Veterans' Graves Registration Officer, for term ending April 30, 1949.

A. Joseph Freno, 112 Sanborn avenue, West Roxbury, Commissioner of Transit Department, for three-year term ending April 30, 1951.

John J. Twomey, 10 Bellaire road, West Roxbury, Superintendent of Printing, for four-year term ending April 30, 1952.

John Guarino, 24 St. Andrew road, East Boston, member of Board of Examiners, for three-year term ending April 30, 1951.

Philip E. Bennett, 95 Mt. Vernon street, Boston, member of Real Estate Commission, for three-year term ending April 30, 1951.

Page Browne, Barnes Hill road, Concord, member of Sinking Funds Commission, for term ending April 30, 1951.

Mark F. Russo, 10 Hopkins road, Jamaica Plain, member of Board of Overseers of Public Welfare, for term ending April 30, 1951.

Malcolm L. Weymouth, 149 Warren street, Roxbury, member of Board of Overseers of Public Welfare, for term ending April 30, 1951.

John J. Kearney, 16 Beaufield street, Dorchester, member of Board of Overseers of Public Welfare, for term ending April 30, 1951.

Sophie Friedman, 206 Bay State road, member of Board of Overseers of Public Welfare, for term ending April 30, 1951.

Harry B. Braude, 900 Commonwealth avenue, member of Board of Trustees of Boston City Hospital, for term ending April 30, 1953.

Severally placed on file.

JURORS DRAWN.

Jurors were drawn, Councilor Kinsella presiding at the box, in the absence of the Mayor, viz.:

Eighty-nine traverse jurors, Superior Criminal Court, to appear May 24, 1948:

Peter Joseph Carey, Ward 1; Louis J. Fagone, Ward 1; Giuseppi Gazzara, Ward 1; Clifton B. Gill, Ward 1; Santo Messina, Ward 1; Pasquale Polcari, Ward 1; Joseph Pomer, Ward 1; Frank A. Scrima, Ward 1; Thomas F. Keenan, Ward 2; John A. McCarthy, Ward 2; Biagio Ampola, Ward 3; Peter P. Kotap, Ward 3; Joseph Noviello, Ward 3; Benedetto Oddo, Ward 3; George J. Booth, Ward 4; John J. Gilliss, Ward 4; Jacob D. Nashan, Ward 4; Walter A. Nelson, Ward 4; Fred D. Sullivan, Ward 4; Frederick C. Albig, Ward 5; Edmund J. Hanlon, Ward 5; William C. Balch, Ward 6; Hugh F. Fitzgerald, Ward 6; Francis S. Hartley, Ward 7; Daniel F. Williams, Ward 7; Patrick F. Flynn, Ward 9; Nushan Kerkarian, Ward 9; Edward V. O'Brien, Ward 9; Clifton L. Smith, Ward 9; William Walthers, Ward 9; John Cosgriff, Ward 10; William J. Dean, Ward 10; Charles E. Malone, Ward 10; John E. Mitchell, Ward 10; Chester B. White, Ward 10; Weston W. Parker, Ward 11; Charles A. Sprague, Ward 11; Edward H. Johnson, Ward 12; John R. Madden, Ward 12; George F. Rabin, Ward 12; Emanuel M. Victorson, Ward 12; Oscar Wasserman, Ward 12; Ernest W. Grenon, Ward 13; John D. Jones, Ward 13; William R. Leary, Ward 13; Samuel MacDougall, Ward 13; Martin Walsh, Ward 13; Richard P. Arnold, Ward 14; Joshua L. Cogswell, Ward 14; Joseph P. Devlin, Ward 14; Joseph Frank, Ward 14; Harry Greenberg, Ward 14; Isadore Kagen, Ward 14; George H. Paquette, Ward 14; William G. Rinn, Ward 14; Joseph Simon, Ward 14; Boris H. Tytell, Ward 14; George F. Borkin, Ward 15; Walter J. Fleming, Ward 15; Carl E. Hurtig, Ward 15; Frank W. Parker, Ward 15; Charles M. Peavey, Ward 15; George W. Vaillancourt, Ward 15; Frank L. Curtis, Ward 16; George A. D'Arcy, Ward 17; John H. Franklin, Ward 17; Francis W. O'Brien, Ward 17; Louis Sharaf, Ward 17; William R. Wentzell, Ward 17; Gilbert F. Card, Ward 18; Nicholas Jacobanis, Ward 18; James A. O'Hearn, Ward 18; Leonard A. Powell, Ward 18; George J. Seibert, Ward 18; John J. Dolan, Ward 19; Ben H. Fossett, Ward 19; Gerard A. Gilroy, Ward 19; Dana F. Larson, Ward 19; Francis J. Frazer, Ward 20; James McDonough, Ward 20; Kenneth J. Morrison, Ward 20; James F. Murphy, Ward 20; Mark T. Stearns, Ward 20; Lester C. Buxton, Ward 21; Barclay Fernald, Ward 21; Samuel Forman, Ward 21; Harry Kriedberg, Ward 21; Thomas F. Lee, Ward 21; Solomon Lieberman, Ward 21.

Fifty-seven traverse jurors, Superior Criminal Court, to appear June 7, 1948:

Peter Amirault, Ward 1; John Ferro, Ward 1; George Grace, Ward 1; Alexander F. Ohlson, Ward 1; David O'Keefe, Ward 1; Frank Tarquino, Ward 1; Edward H. Williams, Ward 1; Daniel P. Bradley, Ward 2; Abraham Binder, Ward 3; Michael E. Kravic, Ward 3; Alphee Picard, Ward 3; Harry Nelson, Ward 4; John Holden Smith, Ward 4; Patrick H. Burgess, Ward 5; Vincent P. Lane, Ward 5; Jeremiah S. McCarthy, Ward 5; Edward W. McGinnis, Ward 6; John A. Gels, Ward 7; John P. Smith, Ward 7; Massimino Sordillo, Ward 7; Percival J. Thoma, Ward 7; John William Gross, Ward 8; John McDermott, Ward 8; James A.

Hoffman, Ward 9; Wilfred E. Webber, Ward 9; Joseph O. Doble, Ward 10; Alexander C. Haldoupis, Ward 10; Martin J. Bowen, Ward 11; Louis Steinberg, Ward 12; George L. Weinbaum, Ward 12; Francis O. Oakland, Ward 13; Harry Adelstein, Ward 14; Carl Bower, Ward 14; Frank Sternick, Ward 14; Herman Von Kahle, Ward 14; Howard H. Adams, Ward 16; Curtis S. Lewis, Ward 16; George C. O'Neil, Ward 16; George P. Marsters, Ward 17; John F. McCready, Ward 17; Harold P. Whitcomb, Ward 17; Frank R. Wilbur, Ward 17; Timothy J. Donovan, Ward 18; Albert Holzer, Ward 18; Sherwood C. Libby, Ward 18; Edward McGloin, Ward 18; Hugh R. R. Allen, Ward 19; Karl A. Loescher, Ward 19; John P. McCarthy, Ward 20; Joseph B. O'Shea, Ward 20; George G. Anderson, Ward 21; Howard J. Boulcott, Ward 21; Brenton W. MacLaren, Ward 21; Benjamin S. Richmond, Ward 21; John G. Byrnes, Ward 22; Thomas Daly, Ward 22; Frank J. Murphy, Ward 22.

Jurors were drawn, Councilor Ansel presiding at the box, in the absence of the Mayor, viz.:

One hundred forty-four traverse jurors, Superior Civil Court, to appear June 7, 1948:

Thomas J. Arthur, Ward 1; Herbert H. Bolivar, Ward 1; John J. Donovan, Ward 1; Lawrence McCoy, Ward 1; Charles B. Mullen, Ward 1; Michael A. Pelosi, Ward 1; Joseph Alves, Ward 2; George W. Blackmore, Ward 2; Denis Clifford, Ward 2; Edward Devlin, Ward 2; Matthew J. Forrest, Ward 2; Terrance F. McGowan, Ward 2; Joseph A. Wilson, Ward 2; Alfred Delliago, Ward 3; Samuel M. Fivozinsky, Ward 3; Samuel H. Morris, Ward 3; Pedro Perez, Ward 3; Giuseppe Polito, Ward 3; Philip Riseman, Ward 3; John J. Russo, Ward 3; Francis Zaccardi, Ward 3; George E. Blair, Ward 4; Peter Morehardt, Ward 4; John J. Shaughnessy, Ward 4; Rudolph M. DeBonis, Ward 5; Howard J. Gardella, Ward 5; Reynold A. Grammer, Ward 5; John F. Hourihane, Ward 5; Patrick Kearney, Ward 5; William H. Tates, Ward 5; Ralph DeAngelis, Ward 6; Frank R. Monterizi, Ward 6; Michael P. Peterson, Ward 6; Edwin Rogers, Ward 6; Rapi Socratis, Ward 6; Charles A. Waggett, Ward 6; Angelo Barbaro, Ward 7; Festus Coyne, Ward 7; James J. Garvey, Ward 7; Roy A. Hull, Ward 7; Lawrence J. Keane, Ward 7; Robert J. Meade, Ward 7; Paul A. Pavilonis, Ward 7; Melvin Smith, Ward 7; Joseph A. Curran, Ward 8; James Miller, Ward 8; Bernard C. Thurston, Ward 8; William Busch, Ward 9; John Marshall, Ward 9; Stephen Quinn, Ward 9; Abraham Snipes, Ward 9; Walter K. Cosgrove, Ward 10; William Ferguson, Ward 10; Ernest L. Lahey, Ward 10; James V. Splaine, Ward 10; Walter S. Stafford, Ward 10; Robert B. Ware, Ward 10.

William P. Austin, Ward 11; Bernard A. Berrigan, Ward 11; Ralph Bravoco, Ward 11; John W. Gomeau, Ward 11; John R. Condon, Ward 11; William J. Trainer, Ward 11; Abraham Astrachan, Ward 12; Charles Brickel, Ward 12; Harold Katz, Ward 12; John J. Barry, Ward 13; Philip L. Beranger, Ward 13; Peter M. Lynch, Ward 13; Stephen Marcus, Ward 13; James J. McDonough, Ward 13; Timothy J. Murray, Ward 13; Clifford Pennington, Ward 13; John J. Baione, Ward 14; Charles S. Barth, Ward 14; Charles Brown, Ward 14; Harry Chernov, Ward 14; George T. Collins, Ward 14; Joseph Cominsky, Ward 14; George J. Crowdes, Ward 14; Henry Dasho, Ward 14; Max Galitz, Ward 14; Frederick E. Hanrahan, Ward 14; Harry E. Kanter, Ward 14; Jacob Kaplan, Ward 14; Philip Levy, Ward 14; Karl Lutz, Ward 14; Israel J. Turney, Ward 14; Harry Waters, Ward 14; Alexander P. Hague, Jr., Ward 15; Patrick H. Joyce, Ward 15; Alexander J. M. Neely, Ward 15; Wilfred H. Robbins, Ward 15; Daniel F. Shea, Ward 15; Thomas F. Walsh, Ward 15; Joseph L. General, Ward 16; Robert Gerstel, Ward 15; Charles E. Skahan, Ward 16; John F. Stratford, Ward 16; Harold Thomson, Ward 16; Arthur E. Foster, Ward 17; Vincent Ierardi, Ward 17; Joseph J. McCullough, Ward 17; Max A. Opin, Ward 17; Walter C. Parker, Ward 17; Robert L. Stevens, Ward 17; Michael J. Walsh, Ward 17; Peter S. Anderson, Ward 18; Frank J. Duck, Ward 18; John Frederickson, Ward 18; Frederick J. Holt, Ward 18; Philip J. Kennedy, Ward 18; John K. MacPhee, Ward 18; James Patterson, Ward 18; George H. Greene, Ward 19; Harold Hiltz, Ward 19; John P. MacCutcheon, Ward 19; Joseph F. McPhee, Ward 19; Ray W. Nuttle, Ward 19; James P. Scurrah, Ward 19; Robert W. Tryon, Ward 19; David F. Berkeley, Ward 20; William F. Draheim, Ward 20; Donald J. MacDonald, Ward 20; Robert R. Montgomery, Ward 20; Joseph J. Peyser, Ward 20; Denis M. Shields, Ward 20; Carl S. Speth, Ward 20; Joseph L. Sullivan, Ward 20; William J. Sullivan, Jr., Ward 20; James M. Allan, Ward 21; Arthur C. Baker, Ward 21; Albert Charness, Ward 21; Arthur G. Hjelmberg, Ward 21; William Kasselman Ward 21; Edward P. Luosey, Ward 21; Irving F. Mereen, Ward 21; Howard S. Meyers, Ward 21; Merrill R. Pope, Ward 21; Earl B. Holmes, Ward 22; Hyatt L. Loring, Ward 22; Matthew J. O'Connor, Ward 22; William E. Oloskey, Ward 22; Andrew W. Polock, Ward 22.

SALE OF LAND IN FENWAY TO WHITE FUND.

On motion of Councilor Sullivan the Council voted to take No. 1, under unfinished business, from the Calendar, viz:

1. Order for sale of parcel of land in the Back Bay Fens for $25,000, to the George Robert White Fund for war memorial center.

On April 12, 1948, the said order was read once and passed, yeas 16, nays 4.

The roll was called, and the order was given its second reading and passage, yeas 16, nays 3:

Yeas—Councilors Ansel, Beades, Bryan, Cantwell, Carey, Hannon, Hurley, Keenan, Kinsella, Lane, Lanigan, McCormack, Ramsey, Shanley, Sullivan, Tracy—16.

Nays—Councilors Cook, Linehan, Yerxa—3.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONFIRMATIONS.

Coun. ANSEL, for the Committee on Confirmations, submitted the following:

Report on appointments by the Mayor of Michael W. Ober and George N. Pierce (referred April 12) as Constables for terms ending April 30, 1949, authorized to serve civil process upon filing of bond—recommending that appointments be confirmed.

The report was accepted, and the question came on confirmation of appointment of Michael W. Ober. Committee, Councilors Keenan and Tracy. Whole number of ballots 18, yeas 12, nays 6, and the appointment was confirmed.

The question came on confirmation of appointment of George N. Pierce. Committee, Councilors Kinsella and McCormack. Whole number of ballots 17, yeas 15, nays 2, and the appointment was confirmed.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS.

Coun. BRYAN, for the Committee on Appropriations, submitted the following:

1. Report on message of Mayor and order (referred March 29) for appropriation of $500,000 for snow removal—that same ought to pass.

The report was accepted, and the question came on passage of the order. The order was passed, yeas 14, nay 1:

Yeas—Councilors Ansel, Beades, Bryan, Cantwell, Carey, Hannon, Hurley, Kinsella, Lane, McCormack, Ramsey, Shanley, Sullivan, Tracy—14.

Nay—Councilor Cook—1.

Voting Present—Councilors Keenan, Yerxa—2.

Coun. KEENAN moved reconsideration. The motion was lost.

2. Report on message of Mayor and order (referred April 12) for appropriation of $300,000 for Public Works Department—recommending passage in accompanying new draft, viz.:

Ordered, That the sum of two hundred thousand dollars ($200,000) be, and hereby is, appropriated, to be expended as hereinafter specified, said sum to be raised by taxes on the polls and estates in the City of Boston, and that all orders heretofore or hereinafter passed by the City Council relating to appropriations, taxes, and the interest thereon apply to the appropriation and taxes herein provided for.

Public Works Department, Special Appropriation, Reconstruction of Streets, $200,000.

The report was accepted, and the order was passed, yeas 16, nays 1:

Yeas—Councilors Ansel, Beades, Bryan, Cantwell, Hannon, Hurley, Keenan, Kinsella, Lane, Lanigan, Linehan, McCormack, Shanley, Sullivan, Tracy, Yerxa—16.

Nay—Councilor Cook—1.

RETIREMENT OF EDSON L. McKENNA.

Coun. HANNON offered the following:

Whereas, Edson L. McKenna, employed in the service of the County of Suffolk, as officer in the House of Correction, Penal Institutions Department, has made application to be retired under the provisions of chapter 678 of the Acts of 1945, and

Whereas, the said Edson L. McKenna has submitted to the City Council satisfactory evidence that he is a veteran as defined in section 56 of chapter 32 of the General Laws; that he has been certified for retirement for disability by the duly authorized medical panel; that he has been in the service of the county at least ten years and has reached the age of fifty; that he is incapacitated for active service, and that his total income from all sources, exclusive of his retirement allowance and of any sum received from the government of the United States as a pension for war service, does not exceed five hundred dollars, therefore be it

Ordered, That under the provisions of section 56 of chapter 32 of the General Laws, as amended by chapter 514 of the Acts of 1943, Edson L. McKenna, employed in the County of Suffolk as officer in the House of Correction Penal Institutions Department, be and hereby is, retired by the Mayor and City Council, acting as county commissioners, at an annual pension of fourteen hundred and fifty dollars, being one half of his highest regular rate of compensation.

Referred to Committee on County Accounts.

FLAGPOLE FOR LESTER J. ROTCH PLAYGROUND.

Coun. LANIGAN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Park Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to erect a flagpole on the Lester J. Rotch Playground, Albany and Randolph streets, South End.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

INSTALLATION OF LIGHTS, WARD 22.

Coun. SHANLEY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to install an electric light in Waverly place, Ward 22; also an electric light at the corner of Washington and Parsons streets in Ward 22.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

DORCHESTER HEIGHTS IMPROVEMENTS.

Coun. LINEHAN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Park Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to do the following in time for the 1948 summer season:

Reseed and put in good condition the grounds in Dorchester Heights and to place a man in charge of the monument and grounds so that people visiting that shrine will be permitted to ascend the stairs to the top of the monument.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

TRASH CANS AT SOUTH BOSTON BEACHES.

Coun. LINEHAN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Park Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to place trash cans with appropriate signs along the South Boston beaches.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

POLICE PATROL, SOUTH BOSTON BEACHES.

Coun. LINEHAN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Police Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to assign an adequate police patrol along the beaches of South Boston and Castle Island, and in addition to assign a safety car for the purpose of having police instructors inform the public on safety measures relative to traffic hazards and danger of broken glass on the beaches.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

TWO SHIFTS OF ELECTION OFFICERS.

Coun. LANE and HANNON offered the following:

Ordered, That the Board of Election Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to consider and report as to the possibility and advisability of employing enough election officers so that the time of service in receiving and counting ballots at elections can be divided into two shifts.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

NAMING OF TRIANGLE IN MEMORY OF SERGEANT BURSAW.

Coun. HURLEY offered the following:

Ordered, That the committee for the naming of squares and playgrounds be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to name the triangle at the intersection of Dearborn street and Albany street in memory of Sgt. William Frederick Bursaw, a tail gunner of the 8th Air Force who gave his life in the defense of his country on a mission over France during World War II.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

REHABILITATION OF FRANKLIN PARK ZOO.

Coun. BRYAN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Trustees of the George Robert White Fund be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to consider the advisability of establishing, as part of their program for the rehabilitation of the Franklin Park Zoo, a special children's zoo comprised of various kinds of domestic animals.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

IMPROVED LIGHTING CONDITIONS FOR GREEN STREET.

Coun. McCORMACK and TRACY offered the following:

Ordered, That the street lighting division of the Public Works Department be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to immediately improve lighting conditions on Green street from Washington street to Centre street.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

ACCEPTANCE OF COLCHESTER STREET, WARD 18.

Coun. CANTWELL offered the following:

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out Colchester street, Ward 18, as a public highway.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

PLAY AREA FOR SMALL CHILDREN, WARD 21.

Coun. SHANLEY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Trustees of the George Robert White Fund be requested, through his Honor the

Mayor, to build a play area for small children on city-owned land on Union street at the corner of Lyne road, Ward 21.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

RECESS.

By direction of the President, the Council took a recess at 4.50 p. m. The members reassembled and were called to order by President HANNON at 5.15 p. m.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Coun. McCORMACK, for the Executive Committee, submitted the following:

1. Report on message of Mayor and order (referred today) authorizing sale by Commissioner of Institutions Department of Steamer "Michael J. Perkins" at upset price of $2,500—that same ought to pass.

The report was accepted, and the order was passed.

2. Report on petition (referred January 26) of the Association of the Evangelical Lutheran Church for Works of Mercy for use of certain parcel of land in West Roxbury for burial purposes —recommending passage of following order:

Ordered, That permission be hereby granted to the Association of the Evangelical Lutheran Church for Works of Mercy, to use for burial purposes a certain parcel of land situated in the West Roxbury district of Boston, containing about three and one quarter acres, as shown on plan of William S. Crocker, Civil Engineer, dated January 15, 1948, and bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at the easterly corner of land previously set off for cemetery purposes at the corner of the fences; thence running southeasterly by a line in prolongation of a fence as shown on the plan hereinbefore mentioned, about 527.72 feet; thence by contour 103, as shown on said plan, along the surface of the ground by various courses a distance of about 820 feet to the southerly boundary of land previously set off for cemetery purposes; thence northeasterly about 120 feet, and thence northeasterly but more northerly by a fence 417.6 feet to the point of beginning; the last two courses being by land previously set off for cemetery purposes, and containing in all about three and one quarter acres.

The report was accepted, and the order was passed.

THE NEXT MEETING.

Coun. SULLIVAN moved that when the Council adjourn it will be to meet on Monday, May 17, 1948.

The motion was lost.

CONSTRUCTION OF HOUSING FOR WAR VETERANS, MILE ROAD.

Coun. LINEHAN and HANNON offered the following:

Whereas, Boston College High School has purchased 70 acres of land abutting Old Colony Parkway and the Mile Road, leaving large tracts of land on both sides of the Mile Road which could be developed into a housing development replacing Camp McKay or Columbia Village, and

Whereas, chapter 200 of the Acts of 1948 makes it possible for the Boston Housing Authority to build $47,000,000 in units for housing war veterans in the City of Boston at no cost to the city as far as construction of the units is concerned, therefore be it

Ordered, That the Boston Housing Authority request the State Board of Housing for authority to construct two-family or multiple dwelling units on land adjacent to the Mile Road, adjoining the new Boston College High School site and to plan to move the tenants in Camp McKay to the new housing units when completed and then to construct veterans' housing on the Camp McKay site.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION, SWALLOW STREET, WARD 6.

Coun. WENZLER offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to install a black tar sidewalk to replace the present dirt sidewalk on Swallow street, between M and N streets, Ward 6.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

Adjourned, on motion of Councilor Ansel, at 5.24 p. m., to meet on Monday, May 10, 1948, at 2 p. m.

Note: All debate of City Council eliminated from proceedings in accordance with Chapter 447, Acts of 1947.

(Stenographic copy of such debate on file in office of City Clerk.)

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of City Council.

Monday, May 10, 1948.

Regular meeting of the City Council held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 2 p. m., President HANNON in the chair. Absent, Councilors Coffey and Lanigan.

The meeting was opened with the salute to the Flag.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR.

Subject to confirmation by the Council, the Mayor submitted the following appointments:

Weighers of Coal, for term ending April 30, 1949: Ida Zaks, 16 Nevada street, Winthrop, Mass.; Samuel Bloch, 39 Sea Foam avenue, Winthrop, Mass.

Weigher of Goods, for term ending April 30, 1949: Michael J. Mahoney, 143 Albion street, Somerville, Mass.

Severally referred to Committee on Confirmations.

PROGRAM OF BOSTON HOUSING AUTHORITY.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, May 3, 1948.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—In regard to orders of City Council dated April 26, 1948, concerning various phases of the program of the Boston Housing Authority, I enclose herewith a letter which I have this day received from Cornelius P. Cronin, Chairman of the Board.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Boston Housing Authority,
May 3, 1948.

Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.

Subject: Orders of City Council dated April 26, 1948, concerning various phases of the program of the Authority.

Dear Mr. Mayor,—The Authority is in receipt of three communications from you concerning the above subject. In addition, it has received a letter dated April 28, 1948, from Robert E. Green, Clerk of Committees of the City Council, in which the Authority is requested to meet with the Executive Committee of the Council on May 3, 1948, to discuss its program.

The Authority is respectfully requesting the City Council to postpone this meeting for one week, to Monday, May 10, 1948, inasmuch as some of its members will be in New York on Monday, May 3, 1948, at a conference concerning Federal housing legislation.

In addition, for those members who will be in Boston May 3, 1948, a meeting has been arranged with the State Board of Housing to discuss all phases of the relationship between the two organizations.

Because of these matters it is believed that the Authority will be in a better position to discuss its program with the Council on May 10, 1948, instead of May 3, 1948, as originally requested.

Very truly yours,
CORNELIUS P. CRONIN, Chairman.

Placed on file.

POLICE PATROL ALONG SOUTH BOSTON BEACHES.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, May 7, 1948.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I transmit herewith communication from the Police Department, relative to your order of May 3, 1948, concerning the assigning of an adequate police patrol along the beaches of South Boston and Castle Island, and in addition assigning a safety car for the purpose of having police instructors inform the public on safety measures relative to traffic hazards and danger of broken glass on the beaches.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Police Department, May 6, 1948.

Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Mr. Mayor,—With reference to Council order, dated May 3, 1948, which was forwarded to this office by Lawrence P. Gilligan, Chief Clerk, as follows:

"Ordered, That the Police Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to assign an adequate police patrol along the beaches of South Boston and Castle Island, and in addition assign a safety car for the purpose of having police instructors inform the public on safety measures relative to traffic hazards and danger of broken glass on the beaches."

Please be advised that the Superintendent of Police, Edward W. Fallon, has been directed to comply with this order.

Respectfully yours,
THOMAS F. SULLIVAN,
Police Commissioner.

Placed on file.

REPLACING OF GAS LAMPS, WARD 12.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, May 3, 1948.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I transmit herewith communication from the Commissioner of Public Works, relative to your order of April 5, 1948, concerning the replacing of gas lights with electric lights immediately on those streets which are now being repaired, especially on Cliff street, Ward 12.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Public Works Department,
April 30, 1948.

Mr. Lawrence P. Gilligan,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.

Dear Sir,—I return herewith order in City Council that the Commissioner of Public Works replace gas lights with electric lights immediately on those streets which are now being repaired, especially on Cliff street, Ward 12, and this will advise you that the lighting service of the Public Works Department will have a survey made of these locations with a view to complying with this request.

Very truly yours,
ROBERT P. CURLEY,
Commissioner of Public Works.

Placed on file.

INSTALLATION OF ELECTRIC LIGHTS, NEWCOMB AND EAST LENOX STREETS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, May 3, 1948.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I transmit herewith communication from the Commissioner of Public Works, relative to your order of April 12, 1948, concerning the installing of electric arc lights in front of the following-named locations: 9 Newcomb street, 24 Newcomb street, 20 East Lenox street.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Public Works Department,
April 30, 1948.

Mr. Lawrence P. Gilligan,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.

Dear Sir,—I return herewith order in City Council that the Commissioner of Public Works arrange for the installation of electric arc lights

in front of the following-named locations: 9 Newcomb street, 24 Newcomb street, 20 East Lenox street.

Please be advised that the lighting service of the Public Works Department will have a survey made of these locations with a view to complying with this request.

Very truly yours,
ROBERT P. CURLEY,
Commissioner of Public Works.

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RECONSTRUCTION OF CERTAIN STREETS, WARD 18.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, May 3, 1948.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I transmit herewith communication from the Commissioner of Public Works, relative to your order of April 26, 1948, concerning the reconstructing of the following streets in Ward 18: Mansfield street, Weeks street, Jeffers street, Colchester street.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Public Works Department,
April 30, 1948.

Mr. Lawrence P. Gilligan,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.

Dear Sir,—I return herewith order in City Council that the Commissioner of Public Works reconstruct the following streets in Ward 18: Mansfield street, Weeks street, Jeffers street, Colchester street.

This will advise you that the above-named streets are private ways and will have to be laid out and accepted by the Board of Street Commissioners before the Public Works Department can enter same for construction.

Very truly yours,
ROBERT P. CURLEY,
Commissioner of Public Works.

Placed on file.

RESURFACING OF CERTAIN STREETS, WARD 18.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, May 3, 1948.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I transmit herewith communication from the Commissioner of Public Works, relative to your order of April 26, 1948, concerning the resurfacing of the following streets in Ward 18: Alpheus road, Bateman street.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Public Works Department,
April 30, 1948.

Mr. Lawrence P. Gilligan,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.

Dear Sir,—I return herewith order in City Council that the Commissioner of Public Works resurface the following streets in Ward 18: Alpheus road, Bateman street.

This will advise you that Alpheus road will be placed on the list of streets to be given consideration for construction this year.

Bateman street is part public and part private. The public portion runs from Beech street to the Hyde Park boundary line, and this street will be given consideration for construction this year. Bateman street, from the Hyde Park boundary line to Grassmere road, is a private way and will have to be laid out and accepted by the Board of Street Commissioners before same can be entered for construction by the Public Works Department.

Very truly yours,
ROBERT P. CURLEY,
Commissioner of Public Works.

Placed on file.

RESURFACING OF CERTAIN STREETS, WARD 22.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, May 3, 1948.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I transmit herewith communication from the Commissioner of Public Works, relative to your order of April 26, 1948, concerning the resurfacing of Brock avenue and Lincoln street, Ward 22, and the constructing of sidewalks on Brock avenue.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Public Works Department,
April 30, 1948.

Mr. Lawrence P. Gilligan,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.

Dear Sir,—I return herewith order in City Council that the Commissioner of Public Works resurface Brock avenue and Lincoln street, Ward 22, and further that sidewalks be constructed on Brock avenue, and this will advise you that these streets will be placed on the list of streets to be given consideration for construction this year.

Very truly yours,
ROBERT P. CURLEY,
Commissioner of Public Works.

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REOPENING OF RIPLEY ROAD PLAYGROUND.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, May 5, 1948.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I transmit herewith communication from the Park Department, relative to your order of April 12, 1948, concerning the reopening of the Ripley Road Playground, Ward 14, and the assigning of an attendant and recreational instructors there during the summer season.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Park Department, May 3, 1948.

Mr. Lawrence P. Gilligan,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.

Dear Sir,—I have your memorandum of April 14 with enclosure, City Council order that the Park Commission be requested to reopen the Ripley Road Playground, Ward 14, and to assign an attendant and recreational instructors there during the summer season.

This playground used to be very well attended during the summer season. The trouble has been that, in the last year or two, vandals have been tearing the buildings down piece by piece, brick by brick, and the shelter between the buildings has been partially destroyed. The restoration of these three structures is debatable due to the high cost and also, because in the off-season of the year, the same thing will happen again, namely, destruction by vandals.

However, the playground can be fixed up for children's use. We will put in some swings, and the grounds can be used for softball. We will also assign an instructor there.

Very truly yours,
JOHN J. MURPHY, Chairman.

Placed on file.

FRANKLIN FIELD BASEBALL DIAMOND AND TENNIS COURTS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, May 5, 1948.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I transmit herewith communication from the Park Department, relative to your order of April 26, 1948, concerning the placing of the baseball diamond and the tennis courts at Franklin Field in first-class playing condition.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Park Department, May 3, 1948.
Mr. Lawrence P. Gilligan,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.

Dear Sir,—In answer to your memorandum, with enclosure, City Council order of April 26, 1948, requesting the Board of Park Commissioners to take immediate steps to put the baseball diamond and the tennis courts at Franklin Field in first-class playing condition, I wish to report that a contractor has been engaged to slightly relocate the No. 1 baseball diamond near the grandstand at this location. This is necessary due to the fact that in its original location windows of the veterans' housing development were being broken. The diamond will be regraded, rolled and left in good condition.

The asphalt tennis courts will be repaired and relined. There is not sufficient money in the budget to construct with asphalt the balance of the courts which have a poor clay surface.

Very truly yours,
JOHN J. MURPHY, Chairman.

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COPELAND STREET PLAYGROUND.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, May 5, 1948.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I transmit herewith communication from the Park Department, relative to your order of April 26, 1948, concerning the opening of the Copeland Street Playground, Ward 12, with proper supervision.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Park Department, May 3, 1948.
Mr. Lawrence P. Gilligan,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.

Dear Sir,—I desire to acknowledge your memorandum, with enclosure, Council order dated April 26, 1948, requesting the Park Commissioner and the School Committee to take immediate steps to open up the Copeland Street Playground, Ward 12, with proper supervision.

This playground is the property of the School Department. I feel that the School Department will allow us to operate during the summer season from June 15 to September 15. Funds have been allowed in the budget for just the three summer months for playground supervision. In this section it can be either Copeland Street or the Howes Playground on Moreland street. I favor the area on Copeland street. When the summer season starts on June 15, we shall be able to comply with the request for a children's playground with supervision in this section.

Very truly yours,
JOHN J. MURPHY, Chairman.

Placed on file.

PLAY AREA, SOUTH BOSTON.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, May 5, 1948.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I transmit herewith communication from the Park Department, relative to your order of April 26, 1948, concerning the establishment of a play area at the corner of B and Third streets, South Boston, for small children.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Park Department, May 3, 1948.
Mr. Lawrence P. Gilligan,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.

Dear Sir,—In answer to your memorandum, with enclosure, City Council order requesting the Park Commissioner to establish a play area at the corner of B and Third streets, South Boston, for small children, I wish to report as follows:

This playground is located at the edge of a commercial section of South Boston. About ten years ago a brick field house was erected on this playground. It was built of the very heaviest construction—of brick and concrete. It was being continually broken into. First, the interior of the building was wrecked, and then the exterior of it. About two years ago, as it could not be kept closed, due to vandals, it was decided, before some youngster would be hurt, to take the building down. Three blocks away, in the residential section, next to a church, is a similar type playground, only slightly larger in area.

It was found impossible to operate the playground at B and Third streets because of it being located at the edge of a nonresidential district.

Very truly yours,
JOHN J. MURPHY, Chairman.

Placed on file.

PLAYSTEAD, FRANKLIN PARK.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, May 5, 1948.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I transmit herewith communication from the Park Department, relative to your order of April 26, 1948, concerning the placing in condition of the Playstead at Franklin Park for recreational purposes.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Park Department, May 3, 1948.
Mr. Lawrence P. Gilligan,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.

Dear Sir,—In answer to your memorandum, with enclosure, City Council order of April 26, 1948, requesting the Park Commissioner to make available, by such steps as are necessary, the Playstead at Franklin Park for recreational purposes, I wish to report as follows:

The Playstead in Franklin Park, which has been used for victory gardens during the past few years, contains a total area of 26 acres. Fourteen acres, that portion nearest Egleston square, have been taken by the George Robert White Trustees as a site for the schoolboys' stadium. The remaining 12 acres we have finally decided to plow, harrow, seed, and roll for baseball and other athletic purposes. In fact, this work has already been started.

Very truly yours,
JOHN J. MURPHY, Chairman.

Placed on file.

DORCHESTER HEIGHTS IMPROVEMENTS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, May 7, 1948.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I transmit herewith communication from the Park Department, relative to your order of May 3, 1948, concerning the reseeding and conditioning of the grounds in Dorchester Heights, and the placing of a man in charge of the monument and grounds so that people visiting may be permitted to ascend the stairs to the top of the monument.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Park Department, May 6, 1948.
Mr. Lawrence P. Gilligan,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.

Dear Sir,—I desire to acknowledge your memorandum, with enclosure, Council order of May 3, 1948, requesting the Park Commission to do the following in time for the 1948 summer season: Reseed and put in good condition the grounds in Dorchester Heights and to place a man in charge of the monument and grounds so that people visiting that shrine will be permitted to ascend the stairs to the top of the monument.

The work of reseeding will be done within the next few days. We have not a sufficient number of employees to enable us to assign one man, full time, to this location.

The monument and tower are maintained by the Art Commission.

Very truly yours,
JOHN J. MURPHY, Chairman.

Placed on file.

PLAYING FIELDS, RYAN FIELD.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, May 5, 1948.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I transmit herewith communication from the Park Department, relative to your order of April 26, 1948, concerning the renewing of the playing fields at Ryan Field, Sullivan square, Ward 2, for the coming baseball season.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Park Department, May 3, 1948.

Mr. Lawrence P. Gilligan,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.

Dear Sir,—In answer to your memorandum, with enclosure, City Council order dated April 26, 1948, requesting the Park Department Chairman to renew the playing fields at Ryan Field, Sullivan square, Ward 2, for the coming baseball season, I wish to say that it is intended to rake, grade, and roll the ball fields at the Ryan Playground, Charlestown, during the week of May 3, 1948.

Very truly yours,
JOHN J. MURPHY, Chairman.

Placed on file.

PREFERENCE TO BLIND VETERANS FOR NEWSPAPER STANDS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, May 3, 1948.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I beg to submit herewith a report received from the Licensing Division with reference to the granting of preference to blind veterans for the sale of newspapers on Boston Common.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Licensing Division, April 30, 1948.

Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Sir,—In connection with the order of the City Council, requesting that preference be given blind veterans for selling of newspapers, let me report that this office issues permits for the sale of newspapers on Boston Common only.

With respect to Boston Common, the total number of licenses issued is approximately 22, for locations which have been long established. This office will be very glad to give consideration to applicants, who are blind veterans, for any of these locations, as they become vacant. It does not appear that new locations should be granted at this time, since such new locations would be unproductive.

Respectfully yours,
WALTER R. MILLIKEN, Chief.

Placed on file.

TRANSFER OF CERTAIN HOSPITAL EMPLOYEES.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, May 7, 1948.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—In response to your order adopted under date of April 26, I beg to enclose herewith report of the City Auditor, with reference to the same.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Auditing Department, May 7, 1948.

Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Sir,—I have discussed with the Director of Civil Service the following order adopted by the City Council at its meeting on April 26, 1948:

"Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to contact Civil Service authorities and ascertain the possibility of permitting employees of the City Hospital to obtain transfers to other departments of the city."

Under the provisions of sections 16A of chapter 31 of the General Laws, "any person . . . actually employed for at least one year in any position in the official or labor service may, after application in writing to the Director by the appointing authority and with the consent of the Director, be transferred to another similar position." It is clear from this language that an employee desiring a transfer from one deparment to another must have been actually employed for at least one year, and, further, that the position to which the transfer is being sought must be "similar" to that in which the employee is currently employed. If these two conditions are satisfied, the Director of Civil Service can give his consent to the transfer request.

Very truly yours,
CHARLES J. FOX,
City Auditor.

Placed on file.

TWO SHIFTS OF ELECTION OFFICERS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, May 7, 1948.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I transmit herewith communication from the Board of Election Commissioners, relative to your order of May 3, 1948, concerning the advisability of employing enough election officers so that the time of service in receiving and counting ballots at elections can be divided into two shifts.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Election Department, May 6, 1948.

Mr. Lawrence P. Gilligan,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.

Dear Sir,—This is in reply to your communication of May 5, with attached City Council order, with reference to the possibility of employing two shifts of election officers.

Since the appointment of election officers is regulated by statute, the Board cannot appoint two shifts of officers as proposed. At the November Election two additional officers will be employed in each precinct from 6 p. m. until such time as the count is completed. The employment of these additional officers will make it possible to count the vote on two tables with proper representation of parties as required by law.

Effective at the State Primaries in September, the compensation of election officers is being increased to $15 for wardens and clerks, and $13 for inspectors. The Board anticipates that the higher pay will attract better qualified workers. It is also planned to interview all election officers before the appointments are made this year so that the inefficient may be eliminated.

The Board will be glad to consider applications for appointments from qualified persons. Applicants should be young and should have some knowledge of clerical work.

Very truly yours,
BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS,
J. JOSEPH CONNORS, Chairman.

Placed on file.

LAWRENCE J. RILEY SQUARE.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, May 10, 1948.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I transmit herewith communication from the Committee to Memorialize Veterans, relative to your order of April 26, 1948, concerning the designating of the square at the junction of Carmen street, Ripley road, and Vassar street, Dorchester, in memory of Lawrence J. Riley.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Street Laying-Out Department,
May 6, 1948.

Mr. Lawrence P. Gilligan,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.

Dear Sir,—In response to the order of the City Council of April 26, 1948, I am directed to inform you that at a meeting held this day of the Committee to Memorialize Veterans, it was voted unani-

mously to designate the square at the junction of Carmen street, Ripley road, and Vassar street, Dorchester, in memory of Lawrence J. Riley.

Very truly yours,
L. W. COSTELLO, Secretary.

Placed on file.

SGT. WILLIAM FREDERICK BURSAW TRIANGLE.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, May 10, 1948.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I transmit herewith communication from the Committee to Memorialize Veterans, relative to your order of May 3, 1948, concerning the naming of the triangle at the intersection of Dearborn street and Albany street, in memory of Sgt. William Frederick Bursaw, a tail gunner of the 8th Air Force in World War II.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Street Laying-Out Department,
May 6, 1948.

Mr. Lawrence P. Gilligan,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.

Dear Sir,—In response to the order of the City Council of May 3, 1948, I am directed to inform you that at a meeting held this day of the Committee to Memorialize Veterans, it was voted unanimously to designate the triangle at the intersection of Dearborn street and Albany street, Roxbury, in memory of Sgt. William Frederick Bursaw, a tail gunner in the 8th Air Force, who gave his life in the defense of his country on a mission over France during World War II.

Very truly yours,
L. W. COSTELLO, Secretary.

Placed on file.

NAMING OF INTERSECTIONS FOR WAR VETERANS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, May 10, 1948.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I submit herewith sixteen orders for the naming of various intersections in the city in honor of veterans of World War II who were killed in action.

The Committee to Memorialize Veterans, appointed by me in 1946, after due consideration, has recommended the naming of the various sites as set forth in the accompanying orders.

In view of the fact that each site is to be named in memory of a veteran who sacrificed his or her life on the altar of liberty, I recommend that your Honorable Body give approval to the accompanying orders.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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Ordered, That the space at the junction of Sun Court and Moon streets, Ward 3, be named Gus P. Napoli square, in honor of Gus P. Napoli, late veteran of World War II.

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Ordered, That the space at the junction of Brown avenue, Cornauba and Seymour streets, Ward 19, be named Walter J. Kearney square, in honor of Walter J. Kearney, late veteran of World War II.

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Ordered, That the space at the junction of Blue Hill avenue and Angell street, Ward 14, be named Frances Y. Slanger square, in honor of Frances Y. Slanger, late veteran of World War II.

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Ordered, That the space at the junction of VanWinkle and Becket streets and Dorchester avenue, Ward 16, be named Jeremiah Clancy square, in honor of Jeremiah Clancy, late veteran of World War II.

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Ordered, That the space at the junction of Park Drive and Buswell street, Ward 21, be named Frederick C. Pickard square, in honor of Frederick C. Pickard, late veteran of World War II.

Ordered, That the space at the junction of Woodrow avenue and Blue Hill avenue, Ward 14, be named Robert A. Carpenter square, in honor of Robert A. Carpenter, late veteran of World War II.

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Ordered, That the space at the junction of Dorchester avenue, Lonsdale street, and Welles avenue, Ward 16, be named Edward A. McGuire square, in honor of Edward A. McGuire, late veteran of World War II.

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Ordered, That the space at the junction of Bellevue Hill road and La Grange street, Ward 20, be named Justin A. McCarthy square, in honor of Justin A. McCarthy, late veteran of World War II.

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Ordered, That the space at the junction of Saratoga street and St. Edward road, Ward 1, be named John W. Lavezzo square, in honor of John W. Lavezzo, late veteran of World War II.

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Ordered, That the space at the junction of Forest Hills street and Glen road, Ward 11, be named Arthur J. F. Creighton square, in honor of Arthur J. F. Creighton, late veteran of World War II.

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Ordered, That the space at the junction of Southern avenue and Talbot avenue, Ward 17, be named George C. Pappas square, in honor of George C. Pappas, late veteran of World War II.

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Ordered, That the space at the junction of Chestnut and Centre streets, Ward 10, be named Anthony J. Scordino square, in honor of Anthony J. Scordino, late veteran of World War II.

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Ordered, That the space at the junction of Hampden and Albany streets, Ward 8, be named Gioacchino Izzo square, in honor of Gioacchino Izzo, late veteran of World War II.

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Ordered, That the space at the junction of Carmen street, Ripley road, and Vassar street, Ward 14, be named Lawrence J. Riley square, in honor of Lawrence J. Riley, late veteran of World War II.

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Ordered, That the space at the junction of Dearborn and Albany streets, Ward 8, be named William F. Bursaw square, in honor of William F. Bursaw, late veteran of World War II.

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Ordered, That the space at the junction of Woodard road, Park street, and Saville street, Ward 20, be named Richard K. Nagle square, in honor of Richard K. Nagle, late veteran of World War II.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

APPROPRIATION FOR FIRE STATION, HYDE PARK.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, May 10, 1948.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I am advised by the Fire Commissioner that the Fire Station housing Engine 48, on Winthrop street, Hyde Park, is badly in need of major repairs estimated to cost approximately fifty thousand dollars ($50,000). These repairs include the replacing of the present wooden floor with one of reinforced concrete construction, thus necessitating certain structural changes on the first floor. It is also proposed to install an approved gasoline pump and separator.

In order that the above essential reconstruction may be completed there is forwarded herewith an order appropriating the sum of fifty thousand dollars ($50,000) from the special account, Sales of City Property.

I respectfully recommend to your Honorable Body consideration and adoption of this order herewith submitted.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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Ordered, That under the provision of section 63 of chapter 44 of the General Laws, the sum of fifty thousand dollars ($50,000) be, and the same hereby is, appropriated from the special account, Sales of City Property, for remodeling and reconstructing the Fire Station housing Engine 48, on Winthrop street, Hyde Park.

Referred to the Finance Committee.

ORDERS RE PAYMENT OF TAXES AND INTEREST.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, May 3, 1948.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen, — In the appropriation and tax orders passed by your Honorable Body March 14, 1948, in the order relative to the due date and interest on taxes it is specified that all taxes are payable in two equal installments on July first and October first. Chapter 522 of the Acts of 1947, however, makes a distinction between real estate taxes and personal property taxes and provides that real estate taxes shall be due and payable on July first.

While it does not appear that this provision will have any material effect on the payment of real estate taxes the city has always been careful to follow the law strictly, especially in the proceedings relative to taxes and appropriations, and accordingly I recommend the immediate passage of the two accompanying orders to make certain that no technicality can be raised in the matter.

Respectfully,
James M. Curley, Mayor.

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Ordered, That the order relative to the payment of taxes and interest thereon, being the fourth order in the appropriation and tax orders for the financial year 1948, passed by the City Council March 15, 1948, and approved by the Mayor March 16, 1948, be, and hereby is, rescinded.

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Ordered, That all taxes raised to meet the appropriations of the city, and all taxes assessed for meeting the city's proportion of the state tax for the year 1948, or for any other taxes or assessments payable to the Commonwealth, shall be due and payable in the case of real estate taxes on July first, 1948, and, in the case of personal property taxes, in two equal installments, on July first and on October first, 1948. Interest shall be charged at the rate of 4 per cent per annum and computed from October first, 1948, on all real estate and personal property taxes remaining unpaid after November 1, 1948, and assessed and payable in the year 1948, before said November 1, 1948, until such taxes are paid. All interest which shall have become due on taxes shall be added to and be part of such taxes.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received and referred to the committee named, viz.:

Claims.

Edward R. Baker, for compensation for damage to car by city truck.

Francis W. Callahan, to be reimbursed for execution issued against him.

Judge John Connelly, for compensation for damage to car at Suffolk County Court House parking area.

Margaret M. Esler, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at 278 Adams street.

George R. Hurley, to be reimbursed as result of accident which occurred while in performance of duty.

Howard V. Lovell, for compensation for damage to car while assisting officer to make arrest.

James J. McGoldrick, to be reimbursed as result of accident which occurred while in performance of duty.

Kendall S. McLean, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at 176A Boylston street.

Henry T. Meegan, for compensation for damage to truck by city vehicle.

Nicholas Poulopoulos, for compensation for damage to car by city car.

Caroline A. Shea, for compensation for damage to property at 31 Worcester square, caused by leak in water pipe.

Tirk Taxi, Inc., for compensation for damage to property by city vehicle.

Joseph W. Williams, to be reimbursed as result of accident which occurred while in performance of duty.

PERMITS FOR CHILDREN.

Petitions for children under 15 years of age to appear at places of public amusement were received as follows:

A. Robicheau, Jordan Hall, May 8.
Edith M. Leavis, Jordan Hall, June 21.
Tributary Theatre of Boston, New England Mutual Hall, May 22.
Viola K. Breiding, Jordan Hall, June 8 and 9.
Jeane Paige, Jordan Hall, May 24.
Boston Music School, Inc., Brown Hall, May 23.
Hazel Ghazarian Skaggs, Recital Hall, May 21.
Katharine D. O'Gorman, New England Mutual Hall, May 25.

Permits granted under usual conditions.

APPOINTMENT OF THEODORE C. HAFFENREFFER.

Notice was received from the Mayor of the appointment of Theodore C. Haffenreffer as member of Board of Park Commissioners for term ending April 30, 1951.

Placed on filed.

APPROVAL OF CONSTABLES' BONDS.

The following constables' bonds, having been duly approved by the City Treasurer, were received and approved by the Council, viz.:

Samuel C. Baker, George W. Brooker, Edward A. DeSimone, Salvatore Grassa, David B. Kaplan, Arnold Klevens, Nathan Kravitsky, Maurice Levine, Andrew Martin, Michael W. Ober, Louis H. Oppenheim, George N. Pierce, Louis Richmond, Edward J. Rockett, Angelo M. Russo, Sidney Sheinfeld, Jerome Suvalle, Benjamin J. Tackeff, Joseph Todisco.

ORGANIZATION OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES.

Notice was received of organization of Library Trustees as follows:

Rev. Robert H. Lord, President; Mr. Frank W. Buxton, Vice-President; Miss Elizabeth B. Brockunier, Clerk.

Placed on file.

NOTICE FROM MYSTIC RIVER BRIDGE AUTHORITY.

Notice was received from the Mystic River Bridge Authority of action in regard to parcel of land numbered B-2 and marked City of Boston, William J. Barry Playground, as follows: Easement taken without award of damages.

Placed on file.

BORROWING CAPACITY OF CITY FOR 1948.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Sinking Funds Department,
May 3, 1948.

Mr. Thomas J. Hannon,
President, City Council.

Dear Sir,—In accordance with the provisions of chapter 93, Acts of 1891; chapter 267, Special Acts of 1916; and chapter 225, Acts of 1931, it is estimated that the amount which the city will be able to borrow during the present municipal year, within the debt limit established by law, is $10,245,370.32, as per schedule annexed.

Respectfully,
William B. Carolan,
John O. Stubbs,
Benjamin Spinoza,
Page Browne,
George Hansen,
Board of Commissioners of Sinking Funds.

Charles J. Fox,
City Auditor.

Henry F. Brennan,
City Treasurer.

CITY OF BOSTON AND COUNTY OF SUFFOLK DEBT AND SINKING FUNDS.
DEBT INCURRING POWER IN 1948.

Total debt incurring power within the debt limit (2½ per cent of $1,471,948,589, the average assessed valuation for three years, less abatements)				$36,798,714 73
Debt incurred:				
Total funded debt, city and county			$130,358,400 00	
Funded debt outside the debt limit (debt exempted from the operation of the law limiting municipal indebtedness):				
City debt		$14,666,900 00		
Traffic Tunnel debt		19,600,000 00		
Traffic Tunnel retirement debt		16,045,000 00		
County debt		1,038,000 00		
Rapid Transit debt		50,915,500 00		
		$102,265,400 00		
Funded debt for Public Works Administration projects, issued under authority of chapter 366, Acts of 1933, as amended by chapter 21, Acts of 1934		2,920,000 00		
			105,185,400 00	
Funded debt within the debt limit			$25,173,000 00	
Offsets to funded debt:				
Sinking funds		$34,408,101 73		
Less sinking funds for debt outside the debt limit:				
City	$317,180 89			
Rapid Transit	13,495,937 33			
Traffic Tunnel	19,117,676 08			
Traffic Tunnel retirement	1,015,651 84			
		33,946,446 14		
Offsets to funded debt within the debt limit			461,655 59	
Net indebtedness within the debt limit, December 31, 1947			$24,711,344 41	
Loans authorized but not issued (within the debt limit)			6,350,000 00	
Used debt incurring power within the debt limit				31,061,344 41
Unused debt incurring power within the debt limit, January 1, 1948				$5,737,370 32
Estimated increase during the year by serial bonds redeemable during year				4,508,000 00
Estimated amount of indebtedness that may legally be incurred within the debt limit during the municipal year				$10,245,370 32

Placed on file.

NOTICE OF INTEREST IN CONTRACT.

Notice was received from Mary W. Cauley, Director, Household Science and Arts, of use of the book "The Science and Art of Homemaking," of which she is the author, in Boston schools, same being published by contract with American Book Company.

Placed on file.

COMMUNICATION FROM WILLIS AIR SERVICE, INC.

A communication was received from the Willis Air Service, Inc., thanking city government and Chamber of Commerce for their efforts in making air freight service the reality long fought for through Civil Aeronautics Board certification of air carriers devoted entirely to freight.

Placed on file.

ROPING OFF STREETS FOR CIRCUS PARADE.

Coun. HANNON offered the following:

Ordered, That the City Messenger be authorized to rope off the streets along the route of the Circus Parade to be conducted on May 14, the expense of same to be charged to the City Council appropriation for Ropes, Flags and Stakes.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

ROPING OFF STREETS FOR SCHOOLBOY PARADE.

Coun. HANNON offered the following:

Ordered, That the City Messenger be authorized to rope off the streets along the route of the annual schoolboy parade to be held on May 23, the expense of same to be charged to the City Council appropriation for Ropes, Flags and Stakes.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

CLEANING OF CARSON AND CITY POINT BEACHES.

Coun. WENZLER offered the following:

Ordered, That the Park Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to immediately clean up the debris that is on Carson Beach and City Point Beach as the present condition of said beaches is very unsanitary and impossible for bathers to use.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

RECESS.

On motion of Councilor Sullivan the Council voted at 2.16 p.m. to take a recess, subject to the call of the Chair. The members reassembled and were called to order by President HANNON at 3.50 p.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Coun. McCORMACK, for the Executive Committee, submitted the following:

1. Report on message of Mayor and orders (referred today) relative to payment of taxes and interest—that same ought to pass.

The report was accepted, and the orders were passed, yeas 13, nays 0:

Yeas—Councilors Ansel, Beades, Bryan, Cantwell, Hannon, Keenan, Kinsella, Linehan, McCormack, Ramsey, Shanley, Tracy, Yerxa—13.

Nays—0.

2. Report on message of Mayor and 16 orders (referred today) for naming of various intersections in city in honor of veterans of World War II killed in action—that same ought to pass, with the exception of the order for naming Gioacchino Izzo square.

The report was accepted, and the several orders, with the foregoing exception, were passed.

WALTER F. CASSIDY MEMORIAL FIELD.

Coun. LANE offered the following:

Ordered, That the Board of Park Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to

name the Chestnut Hill Playground in Cleveland Circle, Ward 21, the Walter F. Cassidy Memorial Field in honor of this young veteran, the only individual from this immediate area who suffered the loss of his life in battle during World War II.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

ALPHONSE J. McDONALD FUND.

Coun. ANSEL, for the Committee on the Alphonse J. McDonald fund, announced a meeting to be held Tuesday, May 11, at 2 p.m., of all department heads and attachés, for benefit to be held in Boston Garden on May 18 for Motorman McDonald and his family.

MAKING OF CERTAIN STREETS ONE WAY.

Coun. ANSEL offered the following:

Ordered, That the Traffic Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to study the advisability of making Angell, Fabyan, Brookview, Hansborough, Wilcock and Baird streets and Johnston road one-way thoroughfares so that traffic congestion can be eliminated from Blue Hill avenue and Morton street junction, and so that accidents, which have been common of late, may be averted on these side streets.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

PREVENTION OF MANHOLE EXPLOSIONS.

Coun. BEADES offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to immediately contact the various public utilities corporations in an attempt to ascertain what progress, if any, has been made on the survey which they undertook, as a result of an order passed by the City Council last February, for the purpose of devising ways and means of preventing further manhole explosions throughout the City of Boston.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

MARSH STREET IMPROVEMENTS.

Coun. BEADES offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to resurface Marsh street, Ward 16, and to install granolithic sidewalks thereon.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

REPLACING OF GAS LAMPS, PARKLAND STREET.

Coun. SHANLEY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Public Works Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to replace the antiquated gas lamps on Parkland street, Ward 22, with modern overhead electric lamps.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

EXCLUSION OF HEAVY TRUCKING ON FANEUIL STREET.

Coun. SHANLEY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Traffic Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to exclude heavy trucking on Faneuil street, west from Market street to Parsons street, Ward 22.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

VETERANS' HOUSING, WARD 22.

Coun. SHANLEY offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor request the Boston Housing Authority to consider the advisability of the construction of two-family or multiple-dwelling units for veterans and their families under chapter 372 of the Acts of 1946, as amended, or under chapter 200 of the Acts of 1948, on vacant land bordering Faneuil street and North Beacon street in Ward 22, Brighton.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONFIRMATIONS.

Coun. ANSEL, for the Committee on Confirmations, submitted the following:

Report on appointments by the Mayor (referred May 3) of John F. Buckley and John E. Henry as Weighers of Goods for term ending April 30, 1949 —recommending that appointments be confirmed.

The report was accepted, and the question came on confirmation. Committee, Councilors Shanley and Chase. Whole number of ballots 12, yeas 12, and the appointments were confirmed.

REMOVAL OF ELEVATED STRUCTURES, ETC.

Coun. TRACY offered the following:

Resolved, That the City Council of the City of Boston hereby favors the enactment of legislation providing for the extension of the Washington Street tunnel and the removal of existing Elevated structures; and be it further

Resolved, That his Honor the Mayor instruct the Corporation Counsel to support the Bowker-Milano Recess Committee report relative to removal of the Elevated structure and the substitution therefor of adequate transportation facilities.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

Adjourned, on motion of Councilor Keenan, at 4 p. m., to meet on Monday, May 17, 1948, at 2 p. m.

Note: All debate of City Council eliminated from proceedings in accordance with Chapter 447, Acts of 1947.

(Stenographic copy of such debate on file in office of City Clerk.)

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of City Council.

Monday, May 17, 1948.

Regular meeting of the City Council held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 2 p. m., President HANNON in the chair. Absent, Councilors Hurley and Kinsella.

The meeting was opened with the salute to the Flag.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR.

Subject to confirmation by the Council, the Mayor submitted the following appointments:

Weigher of Goods—Waino Rosengren, 43 Gates street, South Boston, for term ending April 30, 1949.

Weigher of Coal—Edward T. Giblin, 3 Larchmont street, Dorchester, for term ending April 30, 1949.

Severally referred to Committee on Confirmations.

FLAGPOLE, LESTER J. ROTCH PLAYGROUND.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, May 11, 1948.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I transmit herewith communication from the Park Department, relative to your order of May 3, 1948, concerning the erecting of a flagpole on the Lester J. Rotch Playground, Albany and Randolph streets, South End.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Park Department, May 10, 1948.

Lawrence P. Gilligan,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.

Dear Sir,—I have your memorandum of May 5 with enclosure, Council order, requesting the Park Commissioner to erect a flagpole on the Lester J. Rotch Playground, Albany and Randolph streets, South End, and I desire to report as follows:

At the present time there is no flagpole on this playground, but I plan to have one erected there within a short time. I have received a bid of $597 to furnish and erect a 60-foot high pole, and the order will be issued very soon to have the work done.

Very truly yours,
JOHN J. MURPHY, Chairman.

Placed on file.

TRASH CANS FOR SOUTH BOSTON BEACHES.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, May 17, 1948.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I transmit herewith communication from the Park Department, relative to your order of May 3, 1948, concerning the placing of trash cans with appropriate signs along the South Boston beaches.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Park Department, May 14, 1948.

Lawrence P. Gilligan,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.

Dear Sir,—In answer to your memorandum, with enclosure, City Council order of May 3, 1948, requesting the Park Commission to place trash cans with appropriate signs along the South Boston beaches, please be advised that arrangements have been made to comply with this order.

Very truly yours,
JOHN J. MURPHY, Chairman.

Placed on file.

RESCISSION OF TWO LOAN ORDERS AND NEW LOAN ORDER FOR VETERANS' HOUSING.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, May 17, 1948.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I recommend the passage of the enclosed order rescinding prior orders of your Body approved by the Temporary Mayor on August 6 and August 20, 1947. Those orders, which purport to appropriate the total sum of $10,000,000 for the construction of veterans' housing, have been objected to by bond counsel in that they do not specifically refer to section 6 of chapter 372 of the Acts of 1946, as amended by section 1 of chapter 479 of the Acts of 1947, and therefore leave in doubt the question whether the sums appropriated are to be devoted to permanent or temporary veterans' housing. In place of the orders just referred to, I recommend the passage of a second enclosed order appropriating the sum of $10,000,000 for the purpose of constructing permanent veterans' housing.

Very truly yours,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Ordered, That the order of this Body approved by the Temporary Mayor on August 6, 1947, appropriating the sum of $8,000,000 for veterans' housing, and the order of this Body approved by the Temporary Mayor on August 20, 1947, appropriating the sum of $2,000,000 for veterans' housing, be, and the same hereby are, rescinded.

Ordered, That under the provisions of section 10 of chapter 372 of the Acts of 1946, as amended by section 6 of chapter 479 of the Acts of 1947, the sum of $10,000,000 be, and the same hereby is, appropriated to meet expenses necessary in providing housing for veterans of World War II, pursuant to section 6 of chapter 372 of the Acts of 1946, as amended by section 1 of chapter 479 of the Acts of 1947, and that the city treasurer be, and hereby is, authorized to issue from time to time, upon request of the Mayor, bonds, notes, or certificates of indebtedness of the City of Boston to said amount.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, May 17, 1948.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen,— I submit herewith supplementary budget recommendations totaling $690,003.66 for the following purposes:

City Maintenance.

Assessing Department....	$5,000 00	
Auditing Department.....	1,400 00	
Election Department.....	27,000 00	
Finance Commission.....	110,000 00	
Fire Department.....	47,700 00	
Hospital Department.....	243,000 00	
Sanatorium Division.....	75,000 00	
Long Island Hospital.....	20,000 00	
Park Department.....	47,500 00	
Police Department.....	15,000 00	
Public Works Department, Workmen's Compensation Service.....	18,000 00	
		$609,600 00

County Maintenance.

Suffolk County Court House, Custodian.....	$3,677 00	
Supreme Judicial Court...	4,726 66	
Registry of Deeds.....	12,000 00	
House of Correction.....	60,000 00	
		80,403 66
Grand total.....		$690,003 66

A brief explanation of these appropriations is given below.

Assessing Department—$5,000. This additional appropriation is to be expended for overtime by regular employees This overtime is necessary in order to meet the advanced tax calendar proposed

by the State Tax Commissioner and for the extra service required during the first year's operation of the newly installed punch card accounting system.

Auditing Department—$1,400. The bookkeeping machines that have been in use for 13 years will be replaced with new equipment on July 1, making necessary the purchase of trays and stands and also a complete set of new forms.

Election Department—$27,000. This sum is necessary to employ additional temporary help to provide for two weeks' vacation in the summer for the regular office force and the extra amount of work expected if Wallace supporters and the supporters of the petition for birth control file papers.

Finance Commission—$110,000. The Finance Commission has requested an additional $10,000 in accordance with the provisions of chapter 175 of the Acts of 1948, and $100,000 for administrative survey under the provisions of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1948.

Fire Department—$47,700. $8,000 of this amount is required to modernize four 85-foot aerial ladder trucks, which will give many years of efficient service at a fraction of the cost of new ones. $8,500 is required for repairs to old North Ferry slip for the purpose of providing a dock and landing pier for two new fireboats and to dredge berth adjacent to North End park, with a view to abandonment of fire station at Northern Avenue bridge. $17,200 is required to complete the 1947 contract for uniforms, which amount was not carried over into 1948. $14,000 is required to supply 25 new pumping engines with liquid foam for use on oil, gasoline, and airplane fires, and liquid carbon dioxide for transit tanks on hose cars.

Hospital Department—$243,000. $5,000 of this sum is for gas for the new South Department kitchen and increased use of Edison AC current on newly installed X-ray and other machines. $20,000 to purchase bedding, which is now available in larger quantities than during the past years. $10,000 to cover cost of uniforms for employees not previously provided and the increase in the amount needed for patients' body garments. $190,000 for food, fuel, medical supplies, laundry and cleaning items, due to increased prices. $8,000 to purchase emergency lighting units required by law. $10,000 for payment of Workmen's Compensation.

Sanatorium Division—$75,000. $50,000 is needed because of filling of vacancies in the labor groups and the payment of overtime to nurses because of shortage. $25,000 necessary for food because of increased prices.

Long Island Hospital—$20,000. It is now possible to definitely establish a school to train attendants, and this amount will be needed for personnel. It is hoped that this arrangement will alleviate in part the nursing situation.

Park Department—$47,500. $36,500 is needed to hire trucks to supplement departmental equipment in clearing the Common and other parks, due to innumerable celebrations and other increased activities, to clean beaches more frequently, reseeding ball fields and playgrounds, and a more extended program for control of the Dutch elm disease. $7,000 needed for fuel because of increase in price. $4,000 for gasoline because of extensive use of trucks on snow removal.

Police Department—$15,000. This sum is necessary to provide funds for the payment of an annuity to a widow of a member of the Police Department who died in 1937 as a result of injuries received in the line of duty. This annuity payment was approved by the City Council and Mayor.

Public Works Department, Workmen's Compensation Service—$18,000. The Workmen's Compensation Law having been extended to include all employees of the City of Boston and County of Suffolk, with the exception of the uniformed forces of the Police and Fire Departments, this additional sum is estimated as necessary to properly administer the law, as a result of the increase in the number of employees brought within its scope. It is intended to establish a branch within the Central Office of the Public Works Department to handle the details involved and employ the additional personnel required, together with necessary supplies and equipment.

Suffolk County Court House, Custodian—$3,677. This sum has been requested by the Court House Commission to provide for the purchase of cabinets and a bookcase for the Registry of Deeds; document files for the Superior Civil Court; and rubber matting for entrances to Court House on the Pemberton Square and Somerset Street sides and in the main corridors.

Supreme Judicial Court—$4,726.66. Under the provisions of chapter 183 of the Acts of 1948 the salaries of the clerk and two assistant clerks of the Supreme Judicial Court were increased. To provide for this increase from May 1, as requested by the clerk, will require $2,666.66. An additional $2,000 is necessary to pay a bill submitted by a master appointed by the court and $60 for the purchase of a court officer's uniform which were not included in the budget estimates.

Registry of Deeds—$12,000. $9,800 of this sum is needed to provide for personnel changes made by the Register in the interests of efficiency since original appropriations were made, and $2,200 for rebinding books which should be kept in good condition for public use.

House of Correction—$60,000. $25,000 of this additional sum is needed for food, due to increase in prices. $35,000 for fuel, due to severe winter and the fact that this appropriation was reduced with the understanding that the proposed changeover to AC would save fuel, but shortage of equipment has delayed the changeover.

Consideration and adoption of the accompanying order by your Honorable Body is recommended.

Respectfully,
James M. Curley, Mayor.

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Ordered, That the respective sums of money specified in the schedules hereinafter set out be, and hereby are, appropriated for the purposes hereinafter specified, said sums to be raised by taxation on the polls and estates in the City of Boston, and that all orders heretofore or hereafter passed by the City Council relating to appropriations, taxes, and the interest thereon, apply to the appropriations and taxes herein provided for.

City Maintenance.

Assessing Department.

A. Personal Service		$5,000 00
3. Unassigned	$5,000 00	

Auditing Department.

C. Equipment		$200 00
9. Office	$200 00	
D. Supplies		1,200 00
1. Office	$1,200 00	
		$1,400 00

Election Department.

A. Personal Service		$27,000 00
2. Temporary employees	$27,000 00	

Finance Commission.

A. Personal Service		$5,000 00
1. Permanent employees	$5,000 00	
B. Contractual Services		200 00
39. General repairs	$200 00	
G. Incidentals		4,800 00
		$10,000 00
Administrative Survey of City Departments		$100,000 00

Fire Department.

B. Contractual Services		$16,500 00
14. Motor vehicle repairs and care	$8,000 00	
39. General repairs	8,500 00	
C. Equipment		17,200 00
16. Wearing apparel	$17,200 00	
D. Supplies		14,000 00
13. Chemicals and disinfectants	$14,000 00	
		$47,700 00

Hospital Department.

B. Contractual Services		$5,000 00
8. Light, heat and power	$5,000 00	
C. Equipment		30,000 00
7 Furniture and furnishings	$20,000 00	
16. Wearing apparel	10,000 00	

D. Supplies		$190,000 00
2. Food and ice	$100,000 00	
3. Fuel	60,000 00	
5. Medical, surgical, laboratory	25,000 00	
8. Laundry, cleaning, toilet	5,000 00	
E. Electrical		8,000 00
10. Electrical	$8,000 00	
F. Special Items		10,000 00
11. Workmen's compensation	$10,000 00	
		$243,000 00

Sanatorium Division.

A. Personal Service		$50,000 00
1. Permanent employees,	$25,000 00	
3. Unassigned	25,000 00	
D. Supplies		25,000 00
2. Food and ice	$25,000 00	
		$75,000 00

Institutions Department.
(Long Island Hospital.)

A. Personal Service		$20,000 00
1. Permanent employees,	$20,000 00	

Park Department.

B. Contractual Services		$36,500 00
6. Hire of teams and autotrucks	$10,000 00	
42. Miscellaneous services	26,500 00	
D. Supplies		11,000 00
3. Fuel	$7,000 00	
11. Gasoline, oil and grease	4,000 00	
		$47,500 00

Police Department.

F. Special Items		$15,000 00
7. Pensions and annuities	$15,000 00	
		$15,000 00

Public Works Department.

Workmen's Compensation Service, Establishment of		$18,000 00

County Maintenance.
Suffolk County Court House, Custodian.

C. Equipment		$3,677 00
7. Furniture and furnishings	$3,677 00	
		$3,677 00

Supreme Judicial Court.

A. Personal Service		$4,726 66
1. Permanent employees,	$4,726 66	
		$4,726 66

Registry of Deeds.

A. Personal Service		$9,800 00
1. Permanent employees,	$9,800 00	
B. Contractual Services		2,200 00
1. Printing and binding,	$2,200 00	
		$12,000 00

Penal Institutions Department.
(House of Correction.)

D. Supplies		$60,000 00
2. Food and ice	$25,000 00	
3. Fuel	35,000 00	
		$60,000 00

Grand Total	$690,003 66

Referred to Committee on Appropriations.

APPROPRIATION FROM PARKMAN FUND.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, May 17, 1948.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I am in receipt of the attached communication from the Board of Park Commissioners, requesting the appropriation of $36,000 from the income of the George F. Parkman Fund, to be expended under the direction of the Board of Park Commissioners for the Maintenance and Improvement of the Common and Parks in Existence on January 12, 1887.

The 1948 budget estimates of the personal service requirements of the Park Department included an estimate of the total income of $170,000 from the Parkman Fund. The budget allowances made provision for the appropriation of this income as it accrued for the purpose of defraying the cost of work actually performed on the Common and Parks in Existence on January 12, 1887.

I submit herewith an order appropriating the sum of $36,000, the accrued income now available from the Parkman Fund, and respectfully recommend its immediate passage by your Honorable Body.

Respectfully,
James M. Curley, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Park Department, May 12, 1948.

Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Sir,—By vote of the Board of Park Commissioners, you are respectfully asked to request the City Council to transfer from the income of the George F. Parkman Fund the sum of $36,000, which is now available, to be expended under the direction of the Board of Park Commissioners as follows:

Common and Parks in Existence on January 12, 1887, Maintenance and Improvement of $36,000

When making up the budget estimates for the year 1948, a sum equal to the total yearly income of the George F. Parkman Fund was deducted from Item A–1, Permanent Employees, with the understanding that this deduction was to be replaced by the total yearly income of said Parkman Fund for 1948, to be transferred as it accrued from time to time during the year to the regular maintenance appropriation of the Park Department.

Respectfully yours,
John J. Murphy, Chairman.

Ordered, That the sum of $36,000 be, and hereby is, appropriated from the income of the George F. Parkman Fund, to be expended under the direction of the Park Commissioners, for the Maintenance and Improvement of the Common and Parks in Existence on January 12, 1887, as follows:

Common and Parks in Existence on January 12, 1887, Maintenance and Improvement of $36,000

Referred to Committee on Parkman Fund.

PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received and referred to the committees named, viz.:

Claims.

Cole Drug Company of Massachusetts, for compensation for damage to property at 1132 Blue Hill avenue, caused by explosion of hydrant.

Harry Eramian, for compensation for damage to cars caused by being sprayed with paint while driving through Sumner Tunnel.

Arthur A. Guarino, for compensation for injuries to daughter caused by an alleged defect at Jeremiah E. Burke High School.

William V. P. Hoar, for compensation for damage to house drain at 7 Melville lane, caused by men installing sewer.

Hugh Hogan, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at 122 Canal street.

Marion E. Johnson, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at Winchester and Arlington streets.

John J. Kippenberger, for compensation for damage to car caused by car of Police Department.

Robert Kirby, Administrator, for compensation for damage to property at 19 Haynes street, East Boston, caused by backing up of sewage.

Benjamin Kramer, for compensation for damage to property at Columbus avenue and Heath street, caused by car of Transit Department.

T. A. Kutney, for compensation for damage to garbage receptacle at 108 Greenfield road, Mattapan, caused by city men.

John A. Mahoney, to be reimbursed as result of accident which occurred while in performance of duty.

Raymond F. Ochs, to be reimbursed as result of accident which occurred while in performance of duty.

Dr. Albert Slavin, for compensation for damage to car caused by car of Fire Department.

Sunnyside Day Nursery, for compensation for damage to property at 16 Hancock street, caused by break in water main.

Tracy Chair Company, to be paid for broken chairs rented by Director of Public Celebrations.

Ann Tully, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at 3720 Washington street.

Mary Johnson, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at Lamson street, East Boston.

Frances M. Rogers, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at Horace street, East Boston.

Executive.

Petition of Nora M. Coan, to be paid annuity on account of death of husband, Patrick J. Coan, late member of Police Department.

Petition of Mary A. Murphy, to be paid annuity on account of death of husband, John T. Murphy, late member of Fire Department.

PERMITS FOR CHILDREN.

Petitions for children under fifteen years of age to appear at places of public amusement, viz.:

Mildred Holmes, Jordan Hall, June 24.

Edna Cora Johnson, Brown Hall, June 20.

Permits granted under usual conditions.

APPROVAL OF CONSTABLES' BONDS.

The constables' bonds of the following, having been duly approved by the City Treasurer, were received and approved by the Council:

Henry G. Dahlquist, Roland W. Golden, Abraham M. Hecht, Anthony Luongo, Louis Levendorf, Salvatore Maffei, Henry J. D. Small, Paolo Stancato, Morris Youman.

FINANCE COMMISSION REPORT RE LOANS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF BUILDINGS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Finance Commission,
May 13, 1948.

To the Honorable the Mayor and City Council.

Gentlemen,—His Honor the Mayor has recently submitted to the City Council a $4,315,000 loan order for the construction of buildings by several departments of the city. The proposed buildings include a 200-bed hospital for chronic patients at Long Island at an estimated cost of $1,250,000; a new central fire headquarters with garage and repair shop, and with a fire station to supplant the existing station for Engine Company 23, at an estimated cost of $1,500,000; a new district building for the Welfare Department and an addition to the central office of that department, at an estimated cost of $650,000; a new office building, garage and repair shop for the Traffic Commission at an estimated cost of $500,000; a new laundry building for the Long Island Hospital, at an estimated cost of $160,000; and numerous smaller projects.

You are aware of the present financial difficulties of the city. Because of high maintenance costs a tax rate above $50 has been freely predicted. How much higher the rate is likely to go in future years as the result of the constant trend toward higher maintenance costs should be considered carefully. It has been the experience of the city that maintenance costs have increased following replacements of old and construction of new plants.

Realizing the present financial situation and the fact that it makes difficult the attraction of new or increased business which is the city's lifeblood, the Finance Commission has obtained legislative authority and funds to conduct an over-all survey of city administration. That survey is about to begin. Its purpose is to reveal all possible opportunites for increasing the effectiveness and reducing the cost of the services rendered by the city.

The Commission is confident that the survey will reveal ways in which existing plant facilities may be used more effectively and economically. It is also confident that it will reveal that some of the proposed building projects will not be needed; that some of them should be abandoned in favor of other more necessary, efficient, and economical projects resulting from consolidation of functions now separately and uneconomically performed by more than one department.

The survey may also reveal the need for other and different projects to achieve the same purposes intended with regard to the projects covered by this loan order.

The Finance Commission is, therefore, strongly of the opinion that for the time being the proposed program of construction should be deferred and that the loan order before the City Council should be withdrawn or rejected.

Respectfully submitted,
Joseph K. Collins, Chairman,
Alexander Wheeler,
Leo J. Dunn,
Frederick Deane,
Edward F. Mullen,
The Finance Commission.

Robert E. Cunniff,
Secretary.

Placed on file.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

Coun. CAREY, for the Committee on Finance, submitted the following:

Report on message of Mayor and order (referred April 26) for loan of $2,000,000 for construction of public ways or permanent pavement—that same ought to pass.

The report was accepted, and the question came on giving the order its first reading. On motion of Councilor Coffey the order was referred to the Executive Committee.

TAKING OF WOOD MEMORIAL PROPERTY BY EMINENT DOMAIN.

Coun. KEENAN and CANTWELL offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to institute proper proceedings to take by eminent domain the Wood Memorial property on Morton street, in Wards 17 and 18, to be used for the construction of a housing project.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

ERECTION OF FENCE BY NEW YORK, NEW HAVEN & HARTFORD RAILROAD.

Coun. McCORMACK, CANTWELL, CAREY, and TRACY offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to direct the Law Department to confer with the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad and the Department of Public Utilities relative to the erection of a fence along the railroad tracks from Jackson square to Readville.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

ADVERTISING BY METROPOLITAN TRANSIT AUTHORITY.

Coun. BEADES offered the following:

Whereas, Residents of the City of Boston are required to pay any deficit incurred in the operation of the Metropolitan Transit Authority; and

Whereas, The Metropolitan Transit Authority has spent money on advertising and on the radio in an attempt to influence the voters of cities and towns south of Boston to vote in favor of the

Metropolitan Transit Authority operating on the Old Colony Railroad lines, and

Whereas, This expenditure was of a political nature, therefore be it

Ordered, That the Corporation Counsel be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to submit an opinion as to whether these aforementioned acts are legal and can be added to the deficit of the Metropolitan Transit Authority, to be later paid by the taxpayers of the City of Boston.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

ACCEPTANCE OF CERTAIN STREETS, WARD 20.

Coun. BRYAN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to lay out and accept the following-named streets in Ward 20 as public ways:

Worley street, Freeman avenue, Cedar street, Acadia road, Rendall road, and Rumford road.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

NAMING OF SPACE AT CHESTNUT AND CENTRE STREETS, WARD 10.

Coun. CAREY offered the following:

Ordered, That the order passed by the City Council, May 10, 1948, and approved by the Mayor, May 11, 1948, for the naming of the space at the junction of Chestnut and Centre streets, Ward 10, Anthony J. Scordino square, be and hereby is, rescinded.

Ordered, That the Committee to Memorialize Veterans be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to consider recommending the naming of the junction of Chestnut and Centre streets, Ward 10, in honor of Capt. Peter R. Mutascio, killed in action during the recent World War, and a resident of Ward 10, upon entrance into the armed services.

Severally referred to the Executive Committee.

MYRTLE STREET PLAYGROUND.

Coun. YERXA offered the following:

Ordered, That the School Committee be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to officially authorize the Park Commission to use, occupy, and maintain the so-called Myrtle Street Playground, until such time as appropriate legislation can be enacted for the permanent transfer of this property to the Park Department.

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor, request the Corporation Counsel to prepare suitable legislation for the transfer of the so-called Myrtle Street Playground from the School Department to the Park Department, said property to be used as a permanent playground under the maintenance of the latter department.

Severally passed under suspension of the rules.

ROOF OVER STAIRWAYS NEAR COLUMBIA STATION.

Coun. LINEHAN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to make provision for the construction of a roof over the steel stairways recently installed near the Columbia Rapid Transit Station so that pedestrians using the stairways will be adequately protected from the danger of snow and ice on the stairs during the winter time.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CLAIMS.

Coun. LANIGAN, for the Committee on Claims, submitted the following:

Report on petition of Joseph H. Dashner (referred April 26), to be reimbursed as a result of executions issued against him on account of his acts as operator of motor apparatus belonging to Fire Department—recommending passage of accompanying order:

Ordered, That the sum of three thousand three hundred fifty-six dollars and thirty-four cents ($3,356.34) be allowed and paid to Joseph H. Dashner in reimbursement for account of execution issued against him on account of his acts as operator of motor apparatus belonging to the Fire Department, said sum to be charged to the Contingent Fund.

Report accepted, said order passed.

RECESS.

On motion of Councilor Keenan the Council took a recess at 2.45 p. m. The members reassembled and were called to order by President HANNON at 4.48 p. m.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONFIRMATIONS.

Coun. ANSEL, for the Committee on Confirmations, submitted the following:

1. Report on appointments by the Mayor (referred May 3) of Constables for term of one year beginning with the first day of May, 1948, not authorized to serve civil process and to serve without bond: John A. Murphy, Timothy G. O'Neill, John P. Carey, Thomas H. Glynn—recommending confirmation of the appointments.

2. Report on appointment by the Mayor (referred May 10) of Michael J. Mahoney as Weigher of Goods for term ending April 30, 1949—recommending confirmation of the appointment.

3. Report on appointments by the Mayor (referred May 10) of Ida Zaks and Samuel Bloch as Weighers of Coal for term ending April 30, 1949—recommending confirmation of appointments.

The reports were accepted, and the question came on confirmation. Committee, Councilors Chase and Ramsey. Whole number of ballots 13, yeas 13, and the appointments were confirmed

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Coun. McCORMACK, for the Executive Committee, submitted the following:

1. Report on order (referred today) rescinding order of May 10, 1948, naming of space at junction in Ward 10 the Anthony J. Scordino Square—recommending that same ought to pass.

2. Report on order (referred today) naming of space at junction in Ward 10 in honor of Capt. Peter R. Mutaccio—recommending that same ought to pass.

The reports were accepted and the orders were severally passed.

3. Report on message of Mayor and order (referred today) for loan of $2,000,000 for construction of public ways or permanent pavement—that same ought to pass.

The report was accepted, and the question came on giving the order its first reading: The order was rejected, 15 votes being required for passage, yeas 13, nays 9:

Yeas—Councilors Ansel, Beades, Bryan, Cantwell, Carey, Hannon, Keenan, Lane, Linehan, McCormack, Ramsey, Shanley, Sullivan—13.

Nays—0.

On motion of Councilor Sullivan it was voted to reconsider the foregoing vote.

On motion of Councilor Sullivan it was voted to lay the order on the table for one week.

REPLACEMENT OF GAS LAMPS IN WARD 16 BY ELECTRIC LIGHTS.

Coun. BEADES offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to take immediate steps to replace 50 per cent of the gas lamps in Ward 16 with modern electric lights, which is in agreement with the contract now held by the American Service Company, Inc.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

MARTEL-MUNRO SQUARE.

Coun. LANIGAN offered the following:

Whereas, The public square at the corner of Dorchester avenue and Summer street, Boston, is now known as Lieut. Martel Square, so named, in honor of Lieutenant Martel, a deceased veteran of World War I; and

Whereas, The American Legion Post 322, the Martel-Munro Post, is desirous of having this square rededicated and named in memory of the second veteran to lose his life in World War II, from the vicinity known as the wool district of Boston, Hugh Munro, Jr., a member of the firm of Munro, Edgehill & Kincaide; therefore, be it

Ordered, That the public square at Dorchester avenue and Summer street, now known as the Lieut. Martel Square, be rededicated and be made known as the Martel-Munro Square, in honor of these veterans of World War I and II.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

IMMEDIATE CONSTRUCTION OF PAULA ROAD.

Coun. KEENAN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Public Works Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to have John Deveney Contracting Company start immediate construction of Paula road, Ward 17, under the terms of his contract within one week, and if work does not start within this period that said contract be canceled forthwith.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

MASKS FOR CERTAIN EMPLOYEES AT MATTAPAN SANATORIUM.

Coun. WENZLER offered the following:

Ordered, That the trustees of the Boston City Hospital be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to provide masks and gowns for the orderlies and kitchen employees at the Mattapan Sanatorium for the purpose of alleviating the possibility of their contracting the disease or germ.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

LEGAL OPINION ON ADVERTISING BY METROPOLITAN TRANSIT AUTHORITY.

Coun. WENZLER offered the following:

Ordered, That the Law Department be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to render a legal decision relative to the right of the Metropolitan Transit Authority to spend public funds to advertise the extension of the rapid transit throughout Quincy, Braintree and other towns. Enormous sums of money have been spent for newspaper advertising, circulars, and telephone calls throughout the area of Boston, Quincy and Braintree.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

INVESTIGATION OF CHARGES RE DEVENEY COMPANY BY FINANCE COMMISSION.

Coun. CHASE offered the following:

Ordered, That the Boston Finance Commission be requested to investigate Councilor Keenan's charge "that Contractor John Deveney is doing his work improperly, that he publicly boasts of his ability to do just about what he pleases, that his actions have earned him the reputation as the second Mayor of Boston."

Passed under suspension of the rules.

Adjourned, on motion of Councilor Keenan, at 5 p. m., to meet on Monday, May 24, 1948, at 2 p. m.

Note: All debate of City Council eliminated from proceedings in accordance with Chapter 447, Acts of 1947.

(Stenographic copy of such debate on file in office of City Clerk.)

CITY OF BOSTON PRINTING DEPARTMENT

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of City Council.

Monday, May 24, 1948.

Regular meeting of the City Council held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 2 p. m., President HANNON in the chair. Absent, Councilor Hurley.

The meeting was opened with the salute to the Flag.

Coun. ANSEL moved to suspend the rules in order to perform a worthy task, and the motion was carried.

PRESENTATION TO BOSTON POST McDONALD FUND.

On behalf of the Council, Coun. ANSEL presented a check for $8,105.90 to the Boston *Post* McDonald Fund, the proceeds of the benefit held at the Boston Garden under the auspices of the City Council on Tuesday evening, May 18, for Motorman Alphonse J. McDonald.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR.

Subject to confirmation by the Council, the Mayor submitted the following appointments of constables authorized to serve civil process on filing of bond, for term ending April 30, 1949:

Isie Martin, 12 Ashton street, Dorchester; Irving Edward Bennett, 20 Deckard street, Roxbury; Harry Abrevaya, 18 Horan way, Jamaica Plain; George Woodrow Pierce, 15 Atherton street, Roxbury; Forrest F. Chauncey, 40 Queensberry street, Boston; Richard M. Madden, 11 Hesston terrace, Dorchester.

Referred to the Committee on Confirmations.

CONSTRUCTION OF VETERANS' HOUSING IN WARD 22.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, May 19, 1948.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen,— I transmit herewith communication from the Boston Housing Authority relative to your order dated May 10, 1948, concerning the advisability of the construction of two-family or multiple dwelling units for veterans and their families on vacant land bordering Faneuil street and North Beacon street, in Ward 22, Brighton.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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Boston Housing Authority,
May 18, 1948.

Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.

Subject: City Council order dated May 10, 1948, re land in the Faneuil Street area, Brighton.

Dear Mr. Mayor,— In consideration of its comprehensive program this Authority for some time has had under consideration for housing the land in Brighton referred to by the Honorable the City Council, in its order of May 10, 1948.

The final advisability of use of this site has not been determined, but the Authority wishes to assure of its very active consideration.

Very truly yours,
CORNELIUS P. CRONIN, Chairman.

Placed on file.

CLEANING OF SOUTH BOSTON BEACHES.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, May 19, 1948.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen,— I transmit herewith communication from the Park Department relative to your order of May 10, 1948, concerning the cleaning up of debris on Carson Beach and City Point Beach.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Park Department, May 17, 1948.

Lawrence P. Gilligan,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.

Dear Sir,— I desire to acknowledge your memorandum, with enclosure, Council order, May 10, 1948, requesting the Park Commission to immediately clean up the debris on Carson Beach and City Point Beach.

It is the intention of the department to clean up the debris along the South Boston water front, caused by the winter storms, within the next few weeks. The excess this year over last year will require additional funds that I have submitted to the Budget Commissioner.

Very truly yours,
JOHN J. MURPHY, Chairman.

Placed on file.

NAMING OF WALTER F. CASSIDY MEMORIAL FIELD.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, May 20, 1948.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I transmit herewith communication from the Park Department relative to your order of May 10, 1948, concerning the naming of the Chestnut Hill Playground in Cleveland Circle, Ward 21, the Walter F. Cassidy Memorial Field, in honor of this veteran who lost his life in World War II.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Park Department, May 18, 1948.

Lawrence P. Gilligan,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.

Dear Sir,—I have your memorandum of May 12, 1948, with enclosure, Council order requesting the Park Commissioners to name the Chestnut Hill Playground in Cleveland Circle, Ward 21, in honor of Walter F. Cassidy, World War II hero, who lost his life in battle.

At a meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners held at 33 Beacon street, Boston, on Tuesday, May 18, 1948, it was voted to name the Chestnut Hill Playground, in Ward 21, in honor of this young man. The playground will be known in the future as the Walter F. Cassidy Playground.

It is hoped to have the signs and the field in readiness for dedication on Memorial Day.

Very truly yours,
JOHN J. MURPHY, Chairman.

Placed on file.

RESURFACING OF MARSH STREET, WARD 16.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, May 21, 1948.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I transmit herewith communication from the Public Works Department relative to your order of May 10, 1948, concerning the resurfacing of Marsh street, Ward 16, and the installing of granolithic sidewalks thereon.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Public Works Department,
May 17, 1948.

Lawrence P. Gilligan,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.

Dear Sir,—I return herewith order in City Council that the Commissioner of Public Works resurface Marsh street, Ward 16, and install granolithic sidewalks thereon, and this will advise you that this street will be placed on the list of streets to be given consideration for construction this year.

Very truly yours,
ROBERT P. CURLEY,
Commissioner of Public Works.

Placed on file.

INCREASED ALLOWANCES FOR CERTAIN RETIRED EMPLOYEES.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, May 19, 1948.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—On the petition of the City of Boston the Legislature has enacted chapter 301 of the Acts of 1948, a copy of which I transmit, which authorizes an increase of $120 a year in the annual pensions and retirement allowances of retired employees of the City of Boston and County of Suffolk receiving less than $900 a year, provided that the amount of increase shall not bring the pension to more than $900.

This Act affects over 1,000 pensioners. It provides for a flat increase rather than a percentage increase, on the theory that practically all of the amount of those pensions in the low brackets is required to meet the bare cost of food, lodging, and clothing, and that basic level, or more properly subsistence level, should be raised to meet to some extent the present increased cost of living. That level was set 24 years ago, at my instance, in the Boston Retirement System, at $480 a year, or $40 a month. The present budget fixed by the Public Welfare Department for Old Age Assistance ranges from $50 to $65 a month, and the Act limits the increase to those pensioners receiving less than $900 a year, or $75 a month.

It may well be argued that those receiving an annual pension of more than $900 a year are also hard hit by the high cost of living, and it is not necessary to dispute that assertion. But there must be a limit to the city's bounty, and, no matter how sympathetic one may be with the problems of the pensioners in the higher brackets, it is evident that, after the level of $75 a month is reached, a smaller and smaller percentage of the pension is required to meet the bare cost of living.

To reiterate, this Act is designed to assist, and does assist, over 1,000 pensioners receiving less than $900 a year, at an approximate cost of $120,000 a year, and the city's financial position does not warrant the expense involved in an increase in the higher brackets.

This Act requires acceptance by the Mayor and City Council, and it is my intention upon its acceptance to put the increases into effect as of June 1, 1948.

I submit herewith and recommend the immediate passage of the accompanying order accepting the Act.

Respectfully,
James M. Curley, Mayor.

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Ordered, That chapter 301 of the Acts of 1948, entitled "An Act authorizing increases in the amounts of pensions and retirement allowances payable to certain retired employees of the City of Boston and County of Suffolk and their beneficiaries," be, and hereby is, accepted.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

APPROPRIATION FOR INSTALLATION OF TRAFFIC SIGNALS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, May 24, 1948.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I am in receipt of the attached communication from the Traffic Commissioner, requesting an appropriation of $112,000 for the installation of traffic signals at certain intersections throughout the city where high accident frequency makes it imperative.

In compliance with this request, I am forwarding herewith an order appropriating the sum of $112,000 from the Special Account, Sales of City Property, and recommend passage by your Honorable Body.

Respectfully,
James M. Curley, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Traffic Commission, May 21, 1948.

Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Sir,—The non-revenue appropriation "Automatic Traffic Control Signals in Various Sections of the City," which provides the funds for the installation of new traffic signals, is at present depleted.

There are many dangerous intersections throughout the city where the high accident frequency makes it imperative, in our opinion, that traffic signals be installed. We have not requested funds previously for a large-scale program because of the scarcity of essential materials, particularly steel. We believe that it is urgently necessary to immediately inaugurate a program of signalizing a substantial number of the most hazardous locations in the interest of public safety.

It is our opinion that a suitable preliminary program should contemplate signalizing at least 28 locations. Due to increased equipment and material costs, and because several of the intersections with highest accident frequencies are in the downtown and Back Bay areas where the signals would have to be interconnected by cable with existing systems with resultant increased costs, we estimate the average cost per intersection of such a group at $4,000.

We respectfully request that the sum of $112,000 be transferred from available sources to the appropriation "Automatic Control Signals in Various Sections of the City."

Respectfully submitted,
Leo F. Curley, Commissioner.

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Ordered, That under the provisions of section 63 of chapter 44 of the General Laws the sum of one hundred twelve thousand dollars ($112,000) be, and the same hereby is, appropriated from the Special Account, Sales of City Property, to be expended under the direction of the Traffic Commissioner, as follows:

Automatic Traffic Control Signals in Various Sections of the City....	$112,000

Referred to Committee on Appropriations.

APPROPRIATION FOR CARE OF GRAVES OF SOLDIERS, SAILORS AND MARINES.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, May 17, 1948.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—Chapter 115, section 22, of the General Laws provides that the Mayor shall appoint a citizen, preferably a war veteran, who shall be charged with the duty of suitably keeping and caring for the graves of those who have served in the Army, Navy or Marine Corps of the United States in time of war.

The provisions of this statute have been complied with and with the approval of your Honorable Body funds for the maintenance of this activity have been made available. The last order transferring the sum of $10,000 from the Contingent Fund was passed by your Honorable Body on June 2, 1947.

The funds now available will shortly be expended, and, believing this activity should be continued, there is forwarded herewith an order appropriating the sum of $10,000 to be charged to the Contingent Fund. Your consideration and passage of this order is respectfully recommended.

Respectfully,
James M. Curley, Mayor.

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Ordered, That the sum of ten thousand dollars ($10,000) be, and the same hereby is, appropriated, to be expended under the direction of his Honor the Mayor, for the care of graves of soldiers, sailors and marines, as provided in chapter 115, section 22, of the General Laws, said sum to be charged to the Contingent Fund.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received and referred to the committee named, viz.:

Claims.

Blue Hill Bakery, for compensation for damage to property at 1134 Blue Hill avenue, caused by defective water pipes.

Beryl I. Breitstein, for compensation for damage to car caused by an alleged defect at 145 Sutherland road.

Charles S. Fitzgerald, for compensation for damage to property at 49 Gibson street, Dorchester, caused by bullet fired by police officer.

Robert Healy, for compensation for damage to car caused by an alleged defect in Newburn street.

John T. Jacobus, for compensation for damage to car by fire apparatus.

Josephine F. Kelly, for compensation for broken water pipe at 5 Murray terrace, Dorchester, caused by city workmen.

William D. Kendall, to be reimbursed as result of accident which occurred while in performance of duty.

Catherine V. Maloney, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at 87 I street.

George Norris, for compensation for damage to property at 1136 Blue Hill avenue, caused by bursting fire hydrant.

Alphia A. Ricker, for compensation for damage to car caused by an alleged defect at 70 Freeport street.

Olga B. Russell, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at 154 and 156 Newbury street.

Louis Vergados, for compensation for damage to car by city vehicle.

PERMITS FOR CHILDREN.

Petitions for children under fifteen years of age to appear at places of public amusement were received as follows:

M. Martin Kostick, Recital Hall, June 12.
Lois E. Norris, Jordan Hall, June 12.
Ethel M. Gegan, Whitten Hall, June 15.
Ruth M. McShane, South Boston Municipal Building, June 16.
E. Virginia Williams, Jordan Hall, June 17.

Permits granted under usual conditions.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR.

Notice was received from the Mayor of the following appointments:

William Emerson, member of Art Commission for term ending April 30, 1953.

Raymond P. Delano, 28 Mather street, Dorchester, member of Board of Zoning Adjustment for term ending April 30, 1953.

Severally placed on file.

HEARINGS BEFORE PUBLIC UTILITIES DEPARTMENT.

Notice was received from the Department of Public Utilities of bearing to be held June 7, at 10 a. m., on petition of Metropolitan Transit Authority for license to operate motor vehicles between Neponset avenue, between Neponset River and Adams street, over Adams street, between Neponset avenue and Gibson street, over Gibson street, between Adams street and Dorchester avenue; over Dorchester avenue, between Gibson street and private right of way leading to Fields Corner Station, over Geneva avenue, between incline leading from Fields Corner Upper Level and Park street, over Park street, between Geneva avenue and Dorchester avenue (Dorchester district).

Notice was received from the Department of Public Utilities of hearing to be held June 22, at 10 a. m., on rates filed May 14, 1948, by Boston Edison Company.

Severally placed on file.

BOND FROM EDGE MOOR IRON WORKS, INC.

The bond of indemnity of the Edge Moor Iron Works, Inc., to the City of Boston, *re* contract for furnishing and installing water tube boilers in Chestnut Hill Pumping Station No. 1, was received and placed on file.

APPROVAL OF CONSTABLE'S BOND.

The constable's bond of Rudolph L. Trent, having been duly approved by the City Treasurer, was received and approved.

LOAN FOR CONSTRUCTION OF PUBLIC WAYS.

On motion of Councilor Bryan, the Council voted to take No. 1 from the calendar, viz.:

1. Order for loan of $2,000,000, submitted by the Mayor April 26, 1948, for construction of public ways or permanent pavement.

The question came on giving the order its first reading. On motion of Councilor Linehan the order was referred to the Executive Committee.

REPORT OF HOSPITAL COMMITTEE.

Coun. SULLIVAN, for the Hospital Committee, submitted the following report of semiannual visit to Long Island Hospital:

On Thursday, May 20, 1948, the Committee on Hospitals made a visit to the Long Island Hospital for inspection purposes. The committee was accompanied by Commissioner G. Frank McDonald and was met by Dr. James V. Sacchetti at the island.

The committee made an exhaustive inspection of conditions and were agreeably surprised at the great strides made since the last inspection. Great praise should be given to Commissioner McDonald and Doctor Sacchetti for the work which has been done and the improvements which they contemplate making in the future. Hospital wards which previously were eyesores have been put into first-class condition. New beds and mattresses replace the shabby, broken-down ones which were formerly there, and quite a few of the wards have been painted. An air of cleanliness prevails and all of the inmates spoken to had only words of praise for those in charge.

The committee conferred at great length with the Commissioner and Doctor Sacchetti, and are of the opinion that the contemplated improvements are vitally necessary.

DANIEL F. SULLIVAN,
Chairman, Hospital Committee.

The report was accepted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PARKMAN FUND.

Coun. LANE, for the Committee on Parkman Fund, submitted the following:

Report on message of Mayor and order (referred May 17) appropriating $36,000 from income of Parkman Fund, to be expended under direction of Park Commissioners—that same ought to pass.

The report was accepted, and the order was passed, yeas 19, nays 0:

Yeas—Councilors Ansel, Beades, Bryan, Cantwell, Carey, Chase, Coffey, Cook, Hannon, Keenan, Kinsella, Lane, Lanigan, Linehan, McCormack, Ramsey, Shanley, Sullivan, Yerxa—19.

Nays—0.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON COUNTY ACCOUNTS.

Coun. SHANLEY, for the Committee on County Accounts, submitted the following:

Report on petition of Edson L. McKenna (referred May 3), employed as officer in House of Correction, Penal Institutions Department—recommending passage of following order:

Whereas, Edson L. McKenna, employed in the service of the County of Suffolk, as officer in the House of Correction, Penal Institutions Department, has made application to be retired under the provisions of chapter 678 of the Acts of 1945; and

Whereas, The said Edson L. McKenna has submitted to the City Council satisfactory evidence that he is a veteran as defined in section 56 of chapter 32 of the General Laws; that he has been certified for retirement for disability by the duly authorized medical panel; that he has been in the service of the county at least ten years and has reached the age of fifty; that he is incapacitated for active service, and that his total income from all sources, exclusive of his retirement allowance and of any sum received from the government of the United States as a pension for war service, does not exceed five hundred dollars; therefore be it

Ordered, That under the provisions of section 56 of chapter 32 of the General Laws, as amended by chapter 514 of the Acts of 1943, Edson L.

McKenna, employed in the County of Suffolk as officer in the House of Correction, Penal Institutions Department, be, and hereby is, retired by the Mayor and City Council, acting as county commissioners, at an annual pension of fourteen hundred and fifty dollars, being one half of his highest regular rate of compensation.

The report was accepted, and the order was passed.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONFIRMATIONS.

Coun. ANSEL, for the Committee on Confirmations, submitted the following:

Report on appointment by the Mayor (referred May 3) of John F. Henderson, to be constable authorized to serve civil process on filing of bond, for term of one year beginning May 1, 1948—recommending confirmation of appointment.

Report on appointment by the Mayor (referred May 17) of Waino Rosengren, as Weigher of Goods, for term ending April 30, 1949—recommending confirmation of appointment.

Report on appointment by the Mayor (referred May 17) of Edward T. Giblin, as Weigher of Coal, for term ending April 30, 1949—recommending confirmation of appointment.

The reports were accepted, and the question came on confirmation. Committee, Councilors Carey and Ramsey. Whole number of ballots 20, yeas 20, and the appointments were confirmed.

MEETING OF COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS.

Coun. BRYAN announced that a meeting of the Committee on Appropriations would be held on Thursday, May 27, at 10.30 a. m., in regard to supplementary budget submitted by the Mayor, and all councilors were invited to attend.

APPRECIATION OF SERVICES OF REV. BERNARD J. McNULTY.

Coun. KEENAN offered the following:

Whereas, Reverend Bernard J. McNulty, after serving as a curate at St. Gregory's Roman Catholic Church, Dorchester, and chaplain at the Boston Sanatorium for the past eighteen years, has been elevated to the rank of Parish Priest and transferred to North Billerica; therefore be it

Resolved, That the City Council of the City of Boston, in meeting assembled, hereby extends to the Reverend Bernard J. McNulty the grateful appreciation of the citizens of Boston for the uncomplaining, faithful, and inspiring service rendered by him during the past eighteen years to the thousands of individuals who have been at the Boston Sanatorium, and to whom he brought, in fair weather and foul, God's message of hope and promise of eternal salvation; and be it further

Resolved, That it is the prayer of the citizens of Boston that the Reverend Bernard J. McNulty will enjoy many more fruitful years as a comforting and militant worker in the vineyard of the Lord.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

SURVEY OF ADAMS STREET AND GALLIVAN BOULEVARD.

Coun. BEADES offered the following:

Ordered, That the Traffic Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to conduct an immediate survey at the junction of Adams street and Gallivan Boulevard, where Olson square is located, in order to alleviate a hazardous traffic condition and to reduce future accidents to a minimum.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

WHITRIDGE STREET IMPROVEMENTS.

Coun. BEADES offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to resurface Whitridge street, Ward 16, and to install concrete sidewalks thereon.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

FAVORING HOUSING CONSTRUCTION, WARD 11.

Coun. TRACY offered the following:

Whereas, Ward 11 is a residential area, with many schools, several hospitals and excellent transportation facilities within its boundaries; and

Whereas, There are several large sections of land owned by the City of Boston and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in Ward 11, which offer a prime opportunity for housing construction; therefore be it

Ordered, That the Boston Housing Authority be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to make an immediate survey of available properties in the several sections of Ward 11 with a view to establishing several developments in this section of the City of Boston.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

CONVERSION OF FRANKLIN PARK TENNIS COURTS TO BASEBALL FIELD.

Coun. TRACY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Board of Park Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to convert the site of the tennis courts in Franklin Park into a baseball field.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

NAMING OF INTERSECTION FOR ANTHONY J. SCORDINO.

Coun. TRACY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Committee for the Naming of Squares and Playgrounds be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to name the intersection of Columbus avenue and New Heath street, Roxbury, in memory of Anthony J. Scordino, who lost his life in the defense of his country; and be it further

Ordered, That such action be expedited in order that the dedication may be made on Memorial Day, 1948.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

STREET RESURFACING, WARD 11.

Coun. TRACY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Public Works Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to resurface Cobden street, Amory street, Westminster street and Williams street, Ward 11.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

REQUESTED SENDING OF STATE POLICE TO EAST BOSTON.

Coun. COFFEY offered the following:

Ordered, That His Excellency the Governor be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to send the State Police into East Boston, to clean up rackets which the present police captain has allowed to run rampant throughout the district.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

RECOMPENSE FOR WINNERS OF WALTER SCOTT MEDAL.

Coun. BEADES offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to confer with the Fire Commissioner for the purpose of recompensing the following-named winners of the Walter Scott medal in the Fire Department in the same manner as the winners of this medal in the Police Department, so that the members of both departments will be similarly rewarded for their heroic deeds, and also to make the same arrangement for future winners of this medal in the Fire Department:

James H. Curran, Gilbert W. Jones, Edward J. Crowley, Lieut. Thomas J. Clark, Thomas J. McGrath, Edward C. Donovan.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

INSTALLATION OF ELECTRIC LIGHTS FOR GAS LAMPS, SOUTH BOSTON.

Coun. WENZLER offered the following:
Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to install electric lights in place of the present gas lamps in the South Boston district.
Passed under suspension of the rules.

STREET IMPROVEMENTS, WARD 22.

Coun. SHANLEY offered the following:
Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to install granolithic sidewalks and edgestone on Hatherly and Morrow roads, Ward 22.
Passed under suspension of the rules.

CLEANING OF WARD 14 STREETS.

Coun. ANSEL offered the following:
Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to arrange for the immediate cleaning of all streets in Ward 14.
Passed under suspension of the rules.

RECESS.

On motion of Councilor Chase the Council voted to take a recess at 2.53 p. m., subject to the call of the Chair. The members reassembled in the Council Chamber and were called to order at 3.31 p. m. by President HANNON.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Coun. McCORMACK, for the Executive Committee, submitted the following:
1. Report on message of Mayor and order (referred today) accepting chapter 301 of Acts of 1948 — that same ought to pass.
Report accepted, said order passed.
2. Report on message of Mayor and order (referred today) that $10,000 be appropriated for care of graves of soldiers, sailors and marines—that same ought to pass.
The report was accepted, and the order was passed, yeas 16, nays 0:
Yeas—Councilors Ansel, Bryan, Cantwell, Carey, Chase, Coffey, Cook, Hannon, Lane, Lanigan, Linehan, McCormack, Shanley, Sullivan, Tracy, Yerxa—16.
Nays—0.
3. Report on order (referred April 26) accepting chapter 206 of Acts of 1948 relative to grading, construction, reconstruction or repair of certain private ways open to public use in City of Boston—that same ought to pass.
The report was accepted, and the order was passed.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC LANDS.

Coun. TRACY, for the Committee on Public Lands, submitted the following:
Report on message of Mayor and order (referred March 29) granting land between Victory road and Park street to Edith Garmon for purpose of straightening boundary line between Alsen Playground, Dorchester, and rear of property of Israel Garmon, 9 Lester street, Dorchester—that same ought to pass.
The report was accepted, and the order was given its first reading and passage, yeas 16, nays 0:
Yeas—Councilors Ansel, Bryan, Cantwell, Carey, Chase, Cook, Hannon, Keenan, Lane, Lanigan, Linehan, McCormack, Shanley, Sullivan, Tracy, Yerxa—16.
Nays—0.
The order will take its second reading and passage in not less than 14 days.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

Coun. CAREY, for the Committee on Finance, submitted the following:
1. Report on message of Mayor and orders (referred May 17) for loan of $10,000,000 for veterans' housing, and rescinding previous orders for same sum—that same ought to pass.
The report was accepted, and the question came on the rescission of previous orders for loans in the sum of $10,000,000. The orders were rescinded, yeas 18, nays 0:
Yeas—Councilors Ansel, Beades, Bryan, Cantwell, Carey, Chase, Cook, Hannon, Keenan, Lane, Lanigan, Linehan, McCormack, Ramsey, Shanley, Sullivan, Tracy, Yerxa—18.
Nays—0.
The question then came on passage of the loan order for $10,000,000 for veterans' housing, and the order was given its first reading and passage, yeas 17, nays 0:
Yeas—Councilors Ansel, Beades, Bryan, Cantwell, Carey, Cook, Hannon, Keenan, Lane, Lanigan, Linehan, McCormack, Ramsey, Shanley, Sullivan, Tracy, Yerxa—17.
Nays—0.
The foregoing orders will take their second reading and passage in not less than 14 days.
2. Report on message of Mayor and order (referred May 3) for loan of $4,315,000 for construction of buildings, etc.—that same ought not to pass, without prejudice.
The report was accepted, and the order was rejected.

THE NEXT MEETING.

On motion of Councilor Sullivan the Council voted that when it adjourn it be to meet on Monday, June 7, at 2 p. m.

LOAN OF $2,000,000 FOR STREET CONSTRUCTION.

On motion of Councilor Sullivan it was voted to recall from the Executive Committee the message of the Mayor and order (referred today) for loan of $2,000,000 for construction of streets.
A motion by Councilor Chase to reduce the order to $1,000,000, was lost. The order for loan of $2,000,000 for construction of streets was given its first reading and passage, yeas 15, nays 1:
Yeas—Councilors Beades, Bryan, Cantwell, Carey, Hannon, Keenan, Lane, Lanigan, Linehan, McCormack, Ramsey, Shanley, Sullivan, Tracy, Yerxa—15.
Nay—Councilor Chase—1.
Voting Present—Councilor Cook—1.
A motion by Councilor Chase to reconsider the foregoing vote was lost.
The order will take its second reading and passage in not less than 14 days.

LOAN FOR CONSTRUCTION OF BUILDINGS.

Coun. CAREY offered the following:
Ordered, That under the provisions of clause 3 of section 7 of chapter 44 of the General Laws, the sum of three million five thousand dollars ($3,005,000) be, and hereby is, appropriated, to be expended by various departmental officials under the direction of the Mayor, for construction of buildings, original equipment and furnishings thereof, and for the acquisition of such land as may be required for such purposes, and that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on request of the Mayor, bonds or certificates of indebtedness of the city to said amount.
Referred to Committee on Finance.

LOAN FOR HOSPITAL BUILDING, LONG ISLAND.

Coun. CAREY offered the following:
Ordered, That under the provisions of clause (3) of section 7 of chapter 44 of the General Laws,

the sum of one million two hundred fifty thousand dollars ($1,250,000) be, and hereby is, appropriated, to be expended by the Commissioner of Institutions, under the direction of the Mayor, for construction of a hospital building at Long Island, original equipment and furnishings thereof, and for the acquisition of such land as may be required for such purposes, and that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on request of the Mayor, bonds or certificates of indebtedness of the city to said amount.

On motion of Councilor Carey it was voted to suspend the rules and give the order its first reading. The order was given its first reading and passage, yeas 19, nays 0.

Yeas—Councilors Ansel, Beades, Bryan, Cantwell, Carey, Chase, Cook, Hannon, Keenan, Lane, Lanigan, Linehan, McCormack, Ramsey, Shanley, Sullivan, Tracy, Wenzler, Yerxa—19.

Nays—0

The order will take its second reading and passage in not less than 14 days.

LOAN FOR INCINERATOR, BOSTON SANATORIUM.

Coun. CAREY offered the following:

Ordered, That under the provisions of clause 3 of section 7 of chapter 44 of the General Laws, the sum of thirty-five thousand dollars ($35,000) be, and hereby is, appropriated, to be expended by the Hospital Department, for the construction of an incinerator at the Boston Sanatorium, under the direction of the Mayor, original equipment and furnishings thereof, and for the acquisition of such land as may be required for such purposes, and that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on request of the Mayor, bonds or certificates of indebtedness of the city to said amount.

On motion of Councilor Carey it was voted to suspend the rules and give the order its first reading. The order was given its first reading and passage, yeas 19, nays 0:

Yeas—Councilors Ansel, Beades, Bryan, Cantwell, Carey, Chase, Cook, Hannon, Keenan, Lane, Lanigan, Linehan, McCormack, Ramsey, Shanley, Sullivan, Tracy, Wenzler, Yerxa—19.

Nays—0.

The order will take its second reading and passage in not less than 14 days.

LOAN FOR INCINERATOR, LONG ISLAND.

Coun. CAREY offered the following:

Ordered, That under the provisions of clause 3 of section 7 of chapter 44 of the General Laws, the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars ($25,000) be expended by the Commissioner of Institutions, under the direction of the Mayor, for the construction of an incinerator at Long Island, original equipment and furnishings thereof, and for the acquisition of such land as may be required for such purposes, and that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on request of the Mayor, bonds or certificates of indebtedness of the city to said amount.

On motion of Councilor Carey it was voted to suspend the rules and give the order its first reading. The order was given its first reading and passage, yeas 19, nays 0:

Yeas—Councilors Ansel, Beades, Bryan, Cantwell, Carey, Chase, Cook, Hannon, Keenan, Lane, Lanigan, Linehan, McCormack, Ramsey, Shanley, Sullivan, Tracy, Wenzler, Yerxa—19.

Nays—0.

The order will take its second reading and passage in not less than 14 days.

LOAN FOR BRANCH LIBRARY, WARD 16.,

Coun. BEADES offered the following:

Ordered, That under the provisions of clause 3 of section 7 of chapter 44 of the General Laws, the sum of one hundred thousand dollars ($100,000) be, and hereby is, appropriated, to be expended by the Director of the Boston Public Library, under the direction of the Mayor, for construction of a branch library in Ward 16, original equipment and furnishings thereof, and for the acquisition of such land as may be required for such purposes, and that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on request of the Mayor, bonds or certificates of indebtedness of the city to said amount.

On motion of Councilor Beades it was voted to suspend the rules and give the order its first reading. The order was rejected, 15 votes being required for passage, yeas 14, nays 0:

Yeas—Councilors Ansel, Beades, Bryan, Cantwell, Carey, Hannon, Keenan, Lane, Lanigan, Linehan, Ramsey, Shanley, Sullivan, Wenzler—14.

Nays—0.

Voting Present—Councilors Chase, McCormack, Tracy, Yerxa—4.

On motion of Councilor Beades it was voted to reconsider the foregoing vote. A motion by Councilor McCormack to refer the order to the Finance Committee was lost. The question came on giving the order its first reading. The order was given its first reading and passage, yeas 17, nays 0:

Yeas—Councilors Ansel, Beades, Bryan, Cantwell, Carey, Chase, Hannon, Keenan, Lane, Lanigan, Linehan, Ramsey, Shanley, Sullivan, Tracy, Wenzler, Yerxa—17.

Nays—0.

Voting Present—Councilor McCormack—1.

The order will take its second reading and passage in not less than 14 days.

PLAYGROUND, BRUCE STREET, WARD 20.

Coun. BRYAN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Park Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to purchase three lots of land on Bruce street, Ward 20, for the purpose of constructing a playground for small children of the neighborhood, as an addition to the land which was transferred to the Park Department by the Real Estate Division in 1945 for playground purposes.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

IMPROVEMENT OF CONDITIONS, GARVEY PLAYGROUND.

Coun. BEADES offered the following:

Ordered, That the Park Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to alleviate the terrible conditions existing at Garvey Playground, Neponset, by putting in new drainage and fill, so that the residents of Neponset can have the type of playground that they are entitled to.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

SCHOOLBOY PARADE ON SUNDAY.

Coun. RAMSEY offered the following:

Ordered, That the School Committee be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to continue the custom of the past by holding the annual schoolboy parade on Sunday.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

Adjourned, on motion of Councilor Tracy, at 4.59 p. m., to meet on Monday, June 7, 1948, at 2 p. m.

Note: All debate of City Council eliminated from proceedings in accordance with Chapter 447, Acts of 1947.

(Stenographic copy of such debate on file in office of City Clerk.)

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of City Council.

Monday, June 7, 1948.

Regular meeting of the City Council held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 2 p. m., President HANNON in the chair, and all the members present.

The meeting was opened with the salute to the Flag.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR.

Subject to confirmation by the Council, the Mayor submitted the following appointments:

Weigher of Goods, for term ending April 30, 1949: Francis J. Dewey, 120 Bartlett street, Charlestown, Mass.

Constable of City of Boston, authorized to serve civil process on filing of bond, for the term ending April 30, 1949: Reuben Bayley, 17 Fernboro street, Ward 14.

Severally referred to Committee on Confirmations.

WINNERS OF WALTER SCOTT MEDAL.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, June 2, 1948.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Fire Department, relative to your order of May 24, 1948, concerning the recompensing of the winners of the Walter Scott Medal in the Fire Department, in the same manner as the winners of this medal in the Police Department.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Fire Department, June 1, 1948.

Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor, Boston.
Dear Mr. Mayor:

I am in receipt of a City Council order, dated May 24, requesting that his Honor, the Mayor, be requested to confer with the Fire Commissioner for the purpose of recompensing winners of the Water Scott Medal in the Fire Department in the same manner as the winners of this medal in the Police Department, so that the members of both departments will be similarly rewarded for their heroic deeds, and also to make the same arrangement for future winners of this medal in the Fire Department.

I have discussed this matter with the Police Commissioner, Mr. Sullivan, to ascertain the manner in which members of the Police Department who are holders of the Scott Medal are recompensed in recognition of their heroic deeds. It seems that the amount of $25 a year is added to the recipients' rate of pay, the amount being deductible under Item A-1.

In order that members of the Fire Department may receive the same recognition as members of the Police Department it is my recommendation that your Honor authorize the payment of $25 a year to the present holders of the Scott Medal as listed below, and all further winners of said medal:

James H. Curran, Gilbert W. Jones, Edward J. Crowley, Lieut. Thomas J. Clark, Thomas J. McGrath, Edward C. Donovan.

Respectfully yours,
RUSSELL S. CORMAN, JR.,
Fire Commissioner.

Placed on file.

CLEANING OF FATHER BUCKLEY PLAYGROUND, ETC.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, June 2, 1948.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Park Department, relative to your order of April 26, 1948, concerning the cleaning of Father Buckley Playground, and also the repairing of the benches and cleaning of Thomas Park and the placing of a custodian in charge thereon.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Park Department, May 28, 1948.

Mr. Lawrence P. Gilligan,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Sir:

I have your memorandum, with enclosure, Council order requesting the Board of Park Commissioners to clean Father Buckley Playground and also to repair the benches and clean Thomas Park and place a custodian in charge thereon.

Both of these places have been cleaned up and put into good condition. Permanent men have been assigned at each place.

There are depressions in the Buckley Playground which hold water. Very soon these depressions will be filled in and rolled to the proper grade.

Very truly yours,
JOHN J. MURPHY, Chairman.

Placed on file.

PLAYGROUND ON BRUCE STREET, WARD 20.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, June 7, 1948.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Park Department, relative to your order of May 24, 1948, concerning the purchasing of three lots of land on Bruce street, Ward 20, for the purpose of constructing a playground for small children of the neighborhood, as an addition to the land which was transferred to the Park Department by the Real Estate Division in 1945 for playground purposes.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Park Department, June 3, 1948.

Mr. Lawrence P. Gilligan,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Sir:

In answer to your memorandum, with enclosure, City Council order requesting the Park Commission to purchase three lots of land on Bruce street, Ward 20, for the purpose of constructing a playground for small children of the neighborhood, as an addition to the land which was transferred to the Park Department by the Real Estate Division in 1945 for playground purposes, I wish to report as follows:

The land now on Bruce street, West Roxbury, owned by the city, contains six lots totaling 30,946 square feet. The land is almost entirely high rock ledge. The land immediately adjacent is also ledge. It would be extremely costly and inadvisable to attempt development for playground purposes.

A few hundred feet away is a tract of land containing about seven acres that could be converted into a playground at a relatively low cost. The district needs a playground as the nearest present playground is one and a quarter miles in either direction.

The problem is, however, that the land which I feel is ideal, is apparently owned by the John Hancock Life Insurance Company. It was probably acquired by the company for its housing development. Could the councilor of the district find out if the John Hancock Insurance Company intends to build on the large tract of land?

Very truly yours,
JOHN J. MURPHY, Chairman.

Placed on file.

CONVERSION OF FRANKLIN PARK TENNIS COURTS INTO BASEBALL FIELD.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, June 7, 1948.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Park Department, relative to your order of May 24, 1948, concerning the converting of the site of the tennis courts in Franklin Park into a baseball field.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Park Department, June 3, 1948.

Mr. Lawrence P. Gilligan,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Sir:

I desire to acknowledge your memorandum, with enclosure, City Council order requesting the Board of Park Commissioners to convert the site of the tennis courts in Franklin Park into a baseball field.

I shall be pleased to make a baseball diamond for younger children, or for softball, in Franklin Park where the old tennis courts were located.

The area is not large enough for a large regulation baseball diamond without taking down trees and doing considerable grading.

I would suggest that the councilor contact me. He will find that I will do everything within reason to cooperate.

Very truly yours,
JOHN J. MURPHY, Chairman.

Placed on file.

GARVEY PLAYGROUND, NEPONSET.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, June 7, 1948.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Park Department, relative to your order of May 24, 1948, concerning the putting in of new drainage and fill at Garvey Playground, Neponset, so that the residents of Neponset may have the type of playground that they are entitled to.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Park Department, June 3, 1948.

Mr. Lawrence P. Gilligan,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Sir:

In answer to your memorandum, with enclosure, City Council order requesting the Park Commissioner to alleviate the terrible conditions existing at Garvey Playground, Neponset, by putting in new drainage and fill so that the residents of Neponset can have the type of playground that they are entitled to, I wish to say that I am making arrangements for building two gate manholes at this playground. One of the gate manholes will have two tide gates in it to prevent the tide from backing up and flooding the lower playground. The other, a smaller gate manhole, will have a tide gate in it to prevent the tide from flooding the upper playground. All of the surface drainage of the playground runs into a large surface sewer owned and maintained by the Sewer Division of the Public Works Department.

At the harbor end of this large city surface drain is a tide gate. This tide gate has not been consistently functioning properly and the tide has been backing up and eventually flooding the playground.

The installation of additional tide gates in manholes on the playground will be added insurance against flooding the playground by the tide backing up. In other words, all of the tide gates should not get stuck or blocked at the same time.

A contract agreement will be signed immediately as soon as the supplementary budget is passed by the Council, as the funds on this item are exhausted.

I realize it would be a good idea to raise the height of the lower playground so it would be above flood tide level. It would mean about a three-foot depth of filling all over it. On top of this a three-foot depth of fill would require six (6) inches of loam. It would cost approximately $75,000 to do this work, at present prices. I believe consideration should be given to opening up the lower-level playground as a free dump for clean earth fill. In a period of a few years we could get the fill at no cost to the city.

Very truly yours,
JOHN J. MURPHY, Chairman.

Placed on file.

SIDEWALK, SWALLOW STREET, WARD 6.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, May 28, 1948.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Public Works Department, relative to your order of May 3, 1948, concerning the installing of a black tar sidewalk to replace the present dirt sidewalk on Swallow street, between O and N streets, Ward 6.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Public Works Department,
May 26, 1948.

Mr. Lawrence P. Gilligan,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Sir:

I return herewith order in City Council that the Commissioner of Public Works install a black tar sidewalk to replace the present dirt sidewalk on Swallow street, between M and N streets, Ward 6, and this will advise you that this location has been examined by our general foreman and he reports the limits should read from N to O streets.

The local paving service district foreman will be notified to resurface the portion between N and O streets with bituminous macadam pavement.

Very truly yours,
ROBERT P. CURLEY,
Commissioner of Public Works.

Placed on file.

ROOF OVER STAIRWAYS, NEAR COLUMBIA RAPID TRANSIT STATION.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, May 28, 1948.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Department of Public Works, relative to your order of May 17, 1948, concerning the construction of a roof over the steel stairways recently installed near the Columbia Rapid Transit Station so that pedestrians using the stairways will be adequately protected from the danger of snow and ice on the stairs during the winter.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Public Works Department,
May 25, 1948.

Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.
Dear Mr. Mayor:

In answer to your request for consideration and report of an order of the Boston City Council reading as follows:

"Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to make provision for the construction of a roof over the steel stairways recently installed near the Columbia Rapid Transit Station so that pedestrians using the stairways will be adequately protected from the danger of snow and ice on the stairs during the wintertime."

Please be advised that we are not in accord with the idea of installing a roof over stairways such as those at Columbia Rapid Transit Station, due to the fact that a roof provides little or no shelter, and is an item of constant expense and upkeep.

We do not approve of this order.

Respectfully yours,
ROBERT P. CURLEY,
Commissioner of Public Works.

Placed on file.

RESURFACING OF CERTAIN WARD 11 STREETS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, May 28, 1948.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Department of Public Works, relative to your order of May 24, 1948, concerning the resurfacing of Cobden street, Amory street, Westminster street, and Williams street, Ward 11.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Public Works Department,
May 28, 1948.

Mr. Lawrence P. Gilligan,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Sir:

I return herewith order in City Council that the Commissioner of Public Works resurface Cobden street, Amory street, Westminster street, and Williams street, Ward 11, and this will advise you that these streets will be placed on the list of streets to be given consideration for reconstruction this year.

Very truly yours,
ROBERT P. CURLEY,
Commissioner of Public Works.

Placed on file.

INSTALLATION OF SIDEWALKS, WARD 22 STREETS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, May 28, 1948.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Public Works Department, relative to your order of May 24, 1948, concerning the installing of granolithic sidewalks and edgestones on Hatherly and Morrow roads, Ward 22.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Public Works Department,
May 28, 1948.

Mr. Lawrence P. Gilligan,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Sir:

I return herewith order in City Council that the Commissioner of Public Works install granolithic sidewalks and edgestones on Hatherly and Morrow roads, Ward 22, and this will advise you that this work will be placed on the list of streets to be given consideration this year.

Very truly yours,
ROBERT P. CURLEY,
Commissioner of Public Works.

Placed on file.

REPLACEMENT OF GAS LAMPS, WARD 16.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, May 28, 1948.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Department of Public Works, relative to your order of May 17, 1948, concerning the replacing of 50 per cent of the gas lamps in Ward 16 with modern electric lights, which is in agreement with the contract now held by the American Service Company, Inc.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Public Works Department,
May 25, 1948.

Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.
Dear Mr. Mayor:

In answer to your request for consideration and report of a Council order reading as follows:

"Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to take immediate steps to replace 50 per cent of the gas lamps in Ward 16 with modern electric lights, which is in agreement with the contract now held by the American Service Company, Inc.,"

please be advised that we shall make every effort to replace as many of the gas lamps in Ward 16 with modern electric lights as is possible.

Respectfully yours,
ROBERT P. CURLEY,
Commissioner of Public Works.

Placed on file.

IMPROVEMENTS, WHITRIDGE STREET, WARD 16.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, May 28, 1948.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Public Works Department, relative to your order of May 24, 1948, concerning the resurfacing of Whitridge street, Ward 16, and the installing of concrete sidewalks thereon.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Public Works Department,
May 28, 1948.

Mr. Lawrence P. Gilligan,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Sir:

I return herewith order in City Council that the Commissioner of Public Works resurface Whitridge street, Ward 16, and to install sidewalks thereon, and this will advise you that this street will be placed on the list of streets to be given consideration for reconstruction this year.

Very truly yours,
ROBERT P. CURLEY,
Commissioner of Public Works.

Placed on file.

IMMEDIATE CONSTRUCTION OF PAULA ROAD, WARD 17.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, June 4, 1948.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Public Works Department, relative to your order of May 17, 1948, requesting the John Deveney Contracting Company to start construction of Paula road, Ward 17, immediately.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Public Works Department,
June 3, 1948.

Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.
Dear Mr. Mayor:

I return herewith the following Council order on which you have asked for a report:

"Ordered, That the Public Works Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to have the John Deveney Contracting Company start immediate construction of Paula road, Ward 17, under the terms of his contract, within one week, and if work does not start within this period, that said contract be cancelled forthwith."

Please be advised that the contractor has started work on this contract and is progressing in a favorable manner.

Respectfully yours,
ROBERT P. CURLEY,
Commissioner of Public Works.

Placed on file.

EXCLUSION OF HEAVY TRUCKING, FANEUIL STREET.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, May 26, 1948.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Traffic Commissioner, relative to your order of

May 10, 1948, concerning the excluding of heavy trucking on Faneuil street, west from Market street to Parsons street, Ward 22.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Traffic Commission, May 20, 1948.

Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Sir:

This is in reply to Council order dated May 10, 1948, requesting the Traffic Commission to exclude heavy trucking on Faneuil street, west from Market street to Parsons street.

The following is a report of our engineers:

"During the past couple of months North Beacon street had been under construction. Because of this traffic has been detoured through Faneuil street and other residential streets. This construction work is nearly completed. Ordinarily Faneuil street does not carry any heavy trucks except those making deliveries."

I concur with the opinion of the engineers.

Respectfully submitted,
LEO F. CURLEY, Commissioner.

Placed on file.

HOUSING DEVELOPMENT SITES, WARD 11.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, May 4, 1948.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Boston Housing Authority, relative to your order of May 17, 1948, concerning housing development sites in Ward 11.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Housing Authority, June 3, 1948.

Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.

Subject: City Council order of May 24, 1948, concerning housing development sites in Ward 11.

Dear Mr. Mayor:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of May 26, 1948, concerning the above-referenced order.

The Authority is pleased to advise you that it will make a resurvey of available properties in the several sections of Ward 11 for consideration in development of its program when guarantee of funds are available from the Commonwealth.

Very truly yours,
CORNELIUS P. CRONIN, Chairman.

Placed on file.

SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION ORDER.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, June 7, 1948.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

In order that city and county employees receiving less than $3,500 per year, who represent the greatest number of employees, may receive partial relief, at least, to offset the tremendous increase in the cost of the necessaries of life, I have decided to grant to all these employees a permanent increase in wages or salary of $300 per year. In this connection, therefore, there is forwarded herewith a supplementary appropriation order to provide the necessary funds for this increase of $300 in compensation for all positions, not to exceed $3,500 annually, exclusive of the uniformed forces of the Fire and Police Departments, and those the compensation of which is fixed by statute. This increase is to be effective July 1, 1948, and the amounts required for the balance of the year are allocated as follows:

City Maintenance	$1,316,680
County Maintenance	150,745
Total	$1,467,425
Revenue Departments	102,950
Grand total	$1,570,375

While the total amount necessary to grant this increase is $1,570,375, the sum of $102,950 for Revenue Departments will be offset by the income received by these departments, making a net total of $1,467,425 to be provided in the tax levy.

In addition to the amount required for the $300 increase mentioned above, there is included under City Maintenance a special appropriation of $17,000, entitled "Federal Public Health Program." In the past the Health Department has received a Federal grant-in-aid through the State Department of Public Health for general health work on a quarterly basis in advance. The State Comptroller has ruled that effective July 1, 1948, all advanced payments will be made on a reimbursement basis. This reimbursement arrangement makes necessary an appropriation from municipal funds because said reimbursement when received will be deposited in the general fund.

I respectfully recommend adoption of this supplementary appropriation order by your Honorable Body.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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Ordered, That the respective sums of money specified in the schedules hereinafter set out be, and hereby are, appropriated for the purposes hereinafter specified, said sums to be raised by taxation on the polls and estates in the City of Boston, and that all orders heretofore or hereafter passed by the City Council relating to appropriations, taxes and interest thereon, apply to the appropriations and taxes herein provided for; and that the expenditures for Revenue Departments be met from the income of such departments and that any expenditures in excess of the income be met from taxes.

CITY MAINTENANCE.

Art Department.

A. Personal Service		$150
1. Permanent employees	$150	

Assessing Department.

A. Personal Service		$22,000
1. Permanent employees	$16,000	
2. Temporary employees	6,000	

Auditing Department.

A. Personal Service		$4,400
1. Permanent employees	$4,400	

Central Payroll Division.

A. Personal Service		$1,500
1. Permanent employees	$1,500	

Boston Retirement Board.

A. Personal Service		$1,400
1. Permanent employees	$1,400	

Boston Traffic Commission.

A. Personal Service		$12,400
1. Permanent employees	$10,000	
2. Temporary employees	2,400	

Budget Department.

A. Personal Service		$450
1. Permanent employees	$450	

Building Department.

A. Personal Service		$16,000
1. Permanent employees	$14,200	
2. Temporary employees	1,800	

Board of Appeal.

A. Personal Service		$300
1. Permanent employees	$300	

Board of Examiners.

A. Personal Service..... $150

1. Permanent employees... $150

City Clerk.

A. Personal Service..... $2,880

1. Permanent employees... $2,880

City Council.

A. Personal Service..... $1,050

1. Permanent employees... $900
2. Temporary employees... 150

City Planning Board.

A. Personal Service..... $900

1. Permanent employees... $900

Collecting Department.

A. Personal Service..... $4,650

1. Permanent employees... $4,650

Election Department.

A. Personal Service..... $9,900

1. Permanent employees... $8,400
2. Temporary employees... 1,500

Fire Department.

A. Personal Service..... $17,950

1. Permanent employees... $17,950

(Electrical Inspection Division.)

A. Personal Service..... $5,200

1. Permanent employees... $5,200

Health Department.

A. Personal Service..... $25,600

1. Permanent employees... $25,600

Hospital Department.

A. Personal Service..... $350,000

1. Permanent employees... $335,000
2. Temporary employees... 15,000

(Sanatorium Division.)

A. Personal Service..... $68,000

1. Permanent employees... $68,000

Institutions Department.
(Central Office.)

A. Personal Service..... $2,600

1. Permanent employees .. $2,600

(Child Welfare Division.)

A. Personal Service..... $3,900

1. Permanent employees... $3,900

(Long Island Hospital.)

A. Personal Service..... $40,000

1. Permanent employees... $40,000

(Steamers.)

A. Personal Service..... $3,800

1. Permanent employees... $3,800

(Eastern Avenue Wharf.)

A. Personal Service..... $600

1. Permanent employees... $600

Law Department.

A. Personal Service..... $6,950

1. Permanent employees... $6,800
2. Temporary employees... 150

Library Department.

A. Personal Service..... $94,000

1. Permanent employees... $94,000

Licensing Board.

A. Personal Service..... $1,900

1. Permanent employees... $1,900

Mayor, Office Expenses.

A. Personal Service..... $2,000

1. Permanent employees... $2,000

Municipal Employment Bureau.

A. Personal Service..... $1,450

1. Permanent employees... $1,450

Park Department.

A. Personal Service..... $100,000

1. Permanent employees... $100,000

(Cemetery Division.

A. Personal Service..... $8,500

1. Permanent employees... $8,500

Police Department.

A. Personal Service..... $42,700

1. Permanent employees... $37,300
2. Temporary employees... 5,400

Public Buildings Department.

A. Personal Service..... $40,000

1. Permanent employees... $30,000
2. Temporary employees... 10,000

(Market Division.)

A. Personal Service..... $900

1. Permanent employees... $900

Public Welfare Department.
(Central Office.)

A. Personal Service..... $69,500

1. Permanent employees... $65,000
2. Temporary employees... 4,500

(Temporary Home.)

A. Personal Service..... $2,450

1. Permanent employees... $1,050
2. Temporary employees... 1,400

(Wayfarers' Lodge.)

A. Personal Service..... $600

1. Permanent employees... $600

Public Works Department.
(Central Office.)

A. Personal Service..... $1,200

1. Permanent employees... $1,200

(Bridge Service.)

A. Personal Service..... $35,600

1. Permanent employees... $32,000
2. Temporary employees... 3,600

(Ferry Service.)

A. Personal Service..... $12,400

1. Permanent employees... $11,500
2. Temporary employees... 900

(Lighting Service.)

A. Personal Service..... $400

1. Permanent employees... $400

(Paving Service.)

A. Personal Service..... $70,000

1. Permanent employees... $70,000

(Sanitary Service.)

A. Personal Service..... $140,000

1. Permanent employees... $140,000

(Sewer Service.)

A. Personal Service..... $34,000

1. Permanent employees... $34,000

Registry Department.

A. Personal Service..... $6,100

1. Permanent employees... $4,600
2. Temporary employees... 1,500

Department of Veterans' Services.

A. Personal Service..... $10,000

1. Permanent employees... $9,400
2. Temporary employees... 600

Statistics Department.

A. Personal Service..... $900

1. Permanent employees... $600
2. Temporary employees... 300

Street Laying-out Department.

A. Personal Service..... $9,600

1. Permanent employees... $9,600

Supply Department.

A. Personal Service..... $4,200

1. Permanent employees... $3,750
2. Temporary employees... 450

Treasury Department.

A. Personal Service..... $4,200

1. Permanent employees... $4,200

Weights and Measures Department.

A. Personal Service..... $2,700

1. Permanent employees... $2,700

Board of Real Estate Commissioners.

A. Personal Service..... $1,650

1. Permanent employees... $1,500
2. Temporary employees... 150

Special Appropriation.

Federal Public Health Program..... $17,000

COUNTY MAINTENANCE.

Suffolk County Court House, Custodian.

A. Personal Service..... $22,500

1. Permanent employees... $22,500

County Buildings.

A. Personal Service..... $7,000

1. Permanent employees... $7,000

Jail.

A. Personal Service..... $11,950

1. Permanent employees... $11,950

Supreme Judicial Court.

A. Personal Service..... $1,650

1. Permanent employees... $1,650

Superior Court, Civil Session, General Expenses.

A. Personal Service..... $4,750

1. Permanent employees... $4,750

Superior Court, Civil Session, Clerk's Office.

A. Personal Service..... $14,100

1. Permanent employees... $14,100

Superior Criminal Court.

A. Personal Service..... $11,500

1. Permanent employees... $11,500

Probate Court.

A. Personal Service..... $500

1. Permanent employees... $500

Municipal Court, City of Boston.

A. Personal Service..... $11,525

1. Permanent employees... $11,525

Municipal Court, Charlestown District.

A. Personal Service..... $1,650

1. Permanent employees... $1,650

East Boston District Court.

A. Personal Service..... $1,600

1. Permanent employees... $1,600

Municipal Court, South Boston District.

A. Personal Service..... $2,200

1. Permanent employees... $2,200

Municipal Court, Dorchester District.

A. Personal Service..... $3,400

1. Permanent employees... $3,400

Municipal Court, Roxbury District.

A. Personal Service..... $5,600

1. Permanent employees... $5,600

Municipal Court, West Roxbury District.

A. Personal Service..... $1,550

1. Permanent employees... $1,550

Municipal Court, Brighton District.

A. Personal Servlce..... $1,300

1. Permanent employees... $1,300

Boston Juvenile Court.

A. Personal Service..... $2,300

1. Permanent employees... $2,300

District Court of Chelsea.

A. Personal Service..... $3,150

1. Permanent employees... $3,150

Registry of Deeds.

A. Personal Service..... $15,000

1. Permanent employees... $13,000
2. Temporary employees.. 2,000

Index Commissioners.

A. Personal Service..... $1,970

1. Permanent employees... $1,970

Medical Examiner Service, Northern Division.

A. Personal Service..... $1,200

1. Permanent employees... $1,200

Medical Examiner Service, Southern Division.

A. Personal Service..... $600

1. Permanent employees... $600

Miscellaneous Expenses, Auditing Department.

A. Personal Service		$1,500
1. Permanent employees...	$1,500	

Miscellaneous Expenses, Budget Department.

A. Personal Service		$1,150
1. Permanent employees...	$1,150	

Penal Institutions Department.
(Office Expenses.)

A. Personal Service		$2,100
1. Permanent employees...	$2,100	

(House of Correction.)

A. Personal Service		$19,000
1. Permanent employees...	$19,000	

REVENUE DEPARTMENTS AND ACCOUNTS.
Printing Department.

A. Personal Service		$1,500
1. Permanent employees...	$1,500	

City Record, Publication of.

A. Personal Service		$200
1. Permanent employees...	$200	

Public Works Department.
(Water Division.)

A. Personal Service		$67,200
1. Permanent employees...	$65,000	
2. Temporary employees...	2,200	

(Sumner Traffic Tunnel.)

A. Personal Service		$15,850
1. Permanent employees...	$14,500	
2. Temporary employees...	1,350	

Collecting Department.
(Water Division.)

A. Personal Service		$18,200
1. Permanent employees...	$6,700	
2. Temporary employees...	11,500	

RECAPITULATION.

City Maintenance	$1,316,680
County Maintenance	150,745
Total	$1,467,425
Revenue Departments and Accounts	102,950
Grand total	$1,570,375

Referred to the Executive Committee.

LOAN ORDERS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF BUILDINGS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, June 7, 1948.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I submit herewith two separate loan orders, one for $1,600,000, and the other for $2,715,000, for the construction of buildings by several departments of the city, in substitution for the single loan order of $4,315,000 submitted to your Honorable Body on May 3, 1948. This substitution and separation is made after a conference with the Finance Committee of the City Council.

The order for $1,600,000 includes $1,250,000 for a hospital building at Long Island; $100,000 for a branch library; $35,000 for an incinerator at the Sanatorium, and $25,000 for an incinerator at Long Island. All of these projects were separated into individual orders by the City Council and given a first reading. It is my understanding that these separate orders will now be rescinded by the City Council. In addition to these projects, there is also included in this loan order $160,000 for a laundry building at Long Island, and $30,000 for a neurological building at the City Hospital.

The other order for $2,715,000 includes $1,500,000 for a garage and repair shop for the Fire Department; $650,000 for a branch welfare building; $500,000 for a garage and office building for the Traffic Department; $35,000 for a convenience station on the Common, and $30,000 for a golf starter's building at Franklin Park.

I respectfully recommend to your Honorable Body approval of the loan orders herewith submitted.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Ordered, That under the provisions of clause (3) of section 7 of chapter 44 of the General Laws, the sum of one million six hundred thousand dollars ($1,600,000) be, and hereby is, appropriated, to be expended by various department officials, under the direction of the Mayor, for construction of buildings, original equipment and furnishings thereof, and for the acquisition of such land as may be required for such purposes; and that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on request of the Mayor, bonds or certificates of indebtedness of the city to said amount.

Ordered, That under the provisions of clause (3) of section 7 of chapter 44 of the General Laws, the sum of two million seven hundred fifteen thousand dollars ($2,715,000) be, and hereby is, appropriated, to be expended by various departmental officials, under the direction of the Mayor, for construction of buildings, original equipment and furnishings thereof, and for the acquisition of such land as may be required for such purposes; and that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on request of the Mayor, bonds or certificates of indebtedness of the city to said amount.

Severally referred to Committee on Finance.

INCREASED SALARIES, SCHOOL COMMITTEE AND SCHOOL BUILDINGS DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEES.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, June 7, 1948.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

At a conference held this day, attended by the members of the School Committee, it was decided that increases in salary rates of $300 be made to all employees of the School Committee, and School Buildings Department, other than teaching personnel and attendance officers, whose salary does not exceed $3,500.

This increase has been agreed to in order that these administrative employees may receive the same salary increase as that being provided for all other employees of the city and county.

I respectfully request that this order, and all other appropriation orders pending before your Honorable Body, be given approval at today's meeting in order that it may be possible to declare the tax rate at the time specified by statute.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
School Committee, June 7, 1948.

Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.
Dear Sir:

The School Committee, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 224 of the Acts of 1936, as most recently amended by chapter 167 of the Acts of 1948, respectfully requests your Honor to recommend that the City Council pass an additional appropriation for school purposes in the amount set forth below:

Salaries of Officers	$21,535
Salaries of Instructors	14,850
Cafeterias—Salaries, Supplies and Incidentals	18,150
Salaries of Custodians	45,138
Salaries of Medical Aids	1,950
Vocational Guidance	300
Physical Education	600
School Physicians and Nurses	4,590
Extended Use of the Public Schools	150
Total	$107,263

The above request is prompted by the knowledge that your Honor is planning to recommend an annual increase of $300 for city employees, other than school teachers, policemen and firemen, and with the further understanding that no person shall receive, because of such increase, annual compensation greater than $3,500.

Respectfully yours,
LOUISE KANE, Secretary.

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City of Boston,
School Committee, June 7, 1948.

Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Sir:

The School Committee, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 224 of the Acts of 1936, as most recently amended by chapter 167 of the Acts of 1948, respectfully requests your Honor to recommend that the City Council pass an additional appropriation for the Department of School Buildings, Alterations, Repairs, Furniture and Fixtures, Administration Expenses, Salaries, in the amount of $6,200.

The above request is prompted by the knowledge that your Honor is planning to recommend an annual increase of $300 for City employees, other than school teachers, policemen and firemen, and with the further understanding that no person shall receive, because of such increase, annual compensation greater than $3,500.

Very truly yours,
LOUISE KANE, Secretary.

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Ordered, That the respective sums of money specified in the schedules hereinafter set out be, and hereby are, appropriated for salaries of school employees, in addition to appropriations previously voted by the School Committee; said sums to be raised by taxation on the polls and estates in the City of Boston, and that all orders heretofore or hereafter passed by the City Council relating to appropriations, taxes and the interest thereon, apply to the appropriations and taxes herein provided for.

Salaries of Officers	$21,535
Salaries of Instructors	14,850
Cafeterias—Salaries, Supplies, and Incidentals	18,150
Salaries of Custodians	45,138
Salaries of Medical Aids	1,950
Vocational Guidance	300
Physical Education	600
School Physicians and Nurses	4,590
Extended Use of the Public Schools	150
Total	$107,263

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Ordered, That the respective sum of money specified in the schedule hereinafter set out be, and hereby is, appropriated for the Department of School Buildings, Alterations, Repairs, Furniture and fixtures, Administrative Expenses, Salaries, in addition to appropriations previously voted by the School Committee; said sum to be raised by taxation on the polls and estates in the City of Boston, and that all orders heretofore or hereafter passed by the City Council relating to appropriations, taxes and interest thereon, apply to the appropriations and taxes herein provided for.

DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL BUILDINGS.

Alterations, Repairs, Furniture and Fixtures, Administrative Expenses, Salaries	$6,200

Severally referred to the Executive Committee.

PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received and referred to the committees named:

Claims.

Joseph A. Blank, for compensation for damage to car by city car.

Blue Hills Realty Corporation, for compensation for damage to property at 1132-1138 Blue Hill avenue and 250 Woodrow avenue, caused by break in water pipe.

Joseph P. Boyd, to be reimbursed as result of accident which occurred while in performance of duty.

Arthur D. Brownell, to be reimbursed for execution issued against him.

Concetta Cappuccio, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in Rowe street.

Edmond Curtis, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at Summer street and Atlantic avenue.

John J. Donnelly, to be reimbursed as result of accident which occurred while in performance of duty.

John T. Foynes, to be reimbursed for execution issued against him.

Evelyn R. Greenwood, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at 3 Park street.

Hugh Hogan, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at 122 Canal street.

Elizabeth V. Keegan, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in Chauncy street.

Royal S. Kenney, for compensation for damage to car by city car.

Philip F. Mackey, for compensation for damage to car by police car.

Florence M. McCaffrey, for compensation for loss of clothing at City Hospital.

Rose H. McCarthy, for compensation for damage to property at 22 Longfellow street, Dorchester, caused by city men.

Francis J. McGinnis, to be reimbursed as result of accident which occurred while in performance of duty.

Veronica C. Mead, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at Park and Tremont streets.

William E. O'Brien, to be reimbursed as result of accident which occurred while in performance of duty.

Hyman and Joseph Rudberg, for refund on milk license.

Paul and Natalie Saia, for compensation for damage to water boiler at 743 East Fifth street, caused by water being shut off.

Mrs. Fred P. Scribner, for compensation for loss of articles at Boston City Hospital.

Joel Shapiro, to be reimbursed for execution issued against him.

Albert J. Sidd, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at 176 Shawmut avenue.

Falba L. Stewart, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at 59 Brookley road.

Clarence N. Trullson, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at 51 Breck avenue.

George E. Waite, for compensation for damage to car by fire truck.

Maurice E. Wyner, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in Beacon street, Brighton.

Committee on Licenses.

Almeida Bus Lines, Incorporated, for license to operate from Milton line to Park square.

Executive.

Petition of Sarah E. Foley, to be paid annuity on account of death of husband, Francis J. Foley, late member of Police Department.

PERMITS FOR CHILDREN.

Petitions for children under fifteen years of age to appear at places of public amusement were received, viz.:

Sarah Katzen, Recital Hall, June 19.

William D. Jackson, Roxbury Memorial High, June 11.

Mildred S. Palaza, Jordan Hall, June 16.

Alda Marova, New England Mutual Hall, June 11 and 16.

Leopold DeCordova, Recital Hall, June 17.

Marion B. Davidson, Recital Hall, June 10.

Boston Music School, Incorporated, Huntington Hall, June 6.

Monticone School of Music, Timilty School Hall, June 18.

Ann V. Zona School of Dancing, New England Mutual Hall, June 14.

Helen I. Hickey, Hyde Park High School, June 14.

Permits granted, under usual conditions.

JURORS DRAWN.

Jurors were drawn, Councilor Lanigan presiding at the box in the absence of the Mayor, for the drawing of 22 grand jurors, Superior Criminal Court; and Councilor Ramsey presiding for the drawing of 48 jurors, Superior Criminal Court; and Councilor Bryan presiding for the drawing of 45 jurors, Superior Civil Court, as follows:

Twenty-two grand jurors, Superior Criminal Court, to appear July 6, 1948:

Francis P. McCue, Ward 2; Nickolas R. Rago, Ward 3; Edward W. Moore, Ward 5; Harold O. Nelson, Jr., Ward 5; Ralph LeFebruc, Ward 6; William A. Roche, Ward 6; Edgar C. Farrin, Ward 8; Ralph H. Elliott, Ward 9; Otto Knecht, Ward 9; Patrick McGowan, Ward 10; John A. Bennett, Ward 11; William G. Cass, Ward 11; John P. Felton, Ward 11; David Thompson, Ward 13; Max J. Ritchie, Ward 14; David Sacks, Ward 14; Patrick Joseph Kennedy, Ward 15; Frank Puntiri, Ward 15; Lauchlin A. MacDonald, Ward 16; William Larson, Ward 17; John J. Padden, Ward 17; Paul J. Pelletier, Ward 18.

Coun. BEADES in the chair.

Forty-eight traverse jurors, Superior Criminal Court, to appear July 6, 1948:

Salvatore Cogliano, Ward 1; Thomas J. Coughlin, Ward 1; Joseph DeGruttola, Ward 1; David Milgram, Ward 1; Martin F. Costin, Ward 2; Charles B. McCarthy, Ward 2; Peter F. Baudanza, Ward 3; Morris Singer, Ward 3; Antonio Turino, Ward 3; Michael J. Duggan, Ward 4; Russell L. Porter, Ward 4; Guilford S. Allen, Ward 5; Joseph W. McDonald, Ward 5; William Quackenbush, Ward 5; George S. F. Foster, Ward 6; Frank L. Irwin, Ward 6; Arthur G. Engley, Ward 7; Patrick Greene, Ward 7; Walter E. Lewis, Ward 7; Thomas P. Connelly, Ward 8; Arthur R. Stead, Ward 8; George C. Maloon, Ward 10; Harold J. Reid, Ward 10; Albert Talanian, Ward 10; John DiMarino, Ward 11; Edward J. Franz, Ward 11; John A. Zager, Ward 11; Samuel E. Freeman, Ward 12; Archibald A. Moore, Ward 12; David Sofnas, Ward 12; John J. Creamer, Ward 13; Patrick Joseph Kelly, Ward 13; Max Becker, Ward 14; Morris Fistel, Ward 14; William P. Croke, Ward 15; Clarence C. Laing, Ward 15; Frederick V. Simonds, Ward 15; William F. Daley, Ward 16; George A. Duncklee, Ward 16; Alan P. Young, Ward 16; Thomas N. Boulos, Ward 17; Samuel L. Clark, Ward 17; Arnold W. Morell, Ward 17; Reginald Frederick, Ward 18; Charles W. Kirk, Ward 18; Thomas P. Reardon, Ward 20; Richard C. Chapman, Ward 21; Albert O. Demers, Ward 21.

Forty-five traverse jurors, Superior Civil Court, to appear June 14, 1948:

Richard Capone, Ward 1; Anthony Commarata, Ward 1; Anthony Coviello, Ward 1; Carlo Durante, Ward 1; Frank R. W. Reed, Ward 1; Joseph Elwin G. Tetrault, Ward 3; Dennis F. Hegarty, Ward 4; Robert Weights, Ward 4; Peter F. Marron, Ward 5; Patrick J. Lydon, Ward 7; James H. Lambert, Ward 9; Thomas Connolly, Ward 10; Andrew E. Gaudet, Ward 10; Michael J. Murphy, Ward 10; Frederick H. C. Kampe, Ward 12; Israel N. White, Ward 12; Leo E. Coughlin, Ward 13; John E. O'Malley, Ward 13; Joseph Repoff, Ward 13; Luco A. Angerami, Ward 14; Lawrence Berlin, Ward 14; Aaron Bratt, Ward 14; Hyman Feldman, Ward 14; Edward Gould, Ward 14; Bernard H. Levy, Ward 14; Frank L. Murphy, Ward 14; Edward B. Jakmauh, Ward 15; Walter F. Yankum, Ward 16; Edward Casper, Ward 18; Michael F. Cunningham, Ward 18; Frank A. O'Neil, Ward 18; Abraham Weger, Ward 18; Henry J. Carty, Jr., Ward 20; Joseph F. Cullen, Ward 20; James R. Nickerson, Ward 20; Stanley B. Baart, Ward 21; Robert P. Barrows, Ward 21; Paul B. Condry, Ward 21; Max Lurensky, Ward 21; William L. Burton, Ward 22; Leslie N. Dow, Ward 22; Richard G. Gallagher, Ward 22; Edward F. Kern, Ward 22; John F. McElhenny, Ward 22; Harold J. Noble, Ward 22.

INCREASED SALARIES, HOUSE OF DETENTION.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Police Department, June 4, 1948.

Mr. John B. Hynes,
City Clerk, Boston.

Dear Sir:

In accordance with provisions of chapter 147, section 19, General Laws (Ter. Ed.), concurrent approval is requested of the Honorable City Council in establishment of annual basic salaries paid to certain employees of the House of Detention of this department, listed as follows, to be effective as of June 30, 1948:

Chief matron, present annual basic rate, $2,250; new annual basic rate, $2,550.

Assistant chief matron, present annual basic rate, $2,050; new annual basic rate, $2,350.

Assistant matron, present annual basic rate, $1,950; new annual basic rate, $2,250.

Permanent intermittent assistant matron, present annual basic rate, $1,950; new annual basic rate, $2,250.

Very truly yours,
THOMAS F. SULLIVAN,
Police Commissioner.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

APPROVAL OF CONSTABLES' BONDS.

The constables' bonds of the following, having been duly approved by the City Treasurer, were received and approved by the Council:

John A. D'Arcy, William H. Lynch, Thomas F. McArdle, Henry Thomas Reid, Theodore J. Zaborski.

APPROVAL OF STATE BOARD OF HOUSING.

Notices were received from the State Board of Housing as follows:

Approval of Veterans' Housing project on Adams street, Victory road, and Train street, Dorchester, consisting of 48 dwelling units at estimated cost of $531,617.

Approval of Veterans' Housing project, on P street, Columbia road, and East Sixth street, South Boston, consisting of 43 dwelling units at estimated cost of $478,124.

Severally placed on file.

NOTICE OF HEARING.

Notice was received from the Public Utilities Department of hearing on petition of Boston Consolidated Gas Company to purchase gas from Eastern Gas and Fuel Associates, to be held June 8, at 10 a. m.

Placed on file.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS.

Coun. BRYAN, for the Committee on Appropriations, submitted the following:

Report on message of Mayor and order (referred May 24) for appropriation of $112,000 for traffic signals—that same ought to pass.

The report was accepted, and the question came on the passage of the order. The roll was called, yeas 16, nays 2:

Yeas—Councilors Ansel, Beades, Bryan, Cantwell, Carey, Cook, Hannon, Hurley, Keenan, Kinsella, Lane, Lanigan, Linehan, McCormack, Sullivan, Tracy—16.

Nays—Councilors Chase, Yerxa—2.

Coun. YERXA moved reconsideration for the purpose of referring the order to the Executive Committee. Reconsideration prevailed, and on further motion of Councilor Yerxa the order was referred to the Executive Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONFIRMATIONS.

Coun. ANSEL, for the Committee on Confirmations, submitted the following:

Report on appointments by the Mayor (referred May 24) of the following constables, au-

thorized to serve civil process upon filing of bond, for term ending April 30, 1949:

Isie Martin, Irving Edward Bennett, Harry Abrevaya, George Woodrow Pierce, Forrest F. Chauncy, and Richard M. Madden—recommending that appointments be confirmed.

The report was accepted, and the question came on confirmation. Committee, Councilors Shanley and Chase, whole number of ballots 18, yeas 17, nays 1, and the appointments were confirmed.

LOAN ORDER FOR CONSTRUCTION OF PUBLIC WAYS.

On motion of Councilor Cantwell, the Council took up No. 7 on the Calendar, under unfinished business:

7. Order for loan of $2,000,000 for construction of public ways or permanent improvements. On May 24, 1948, the said order was read once and passed, yeas fifteen, nays one.

The question came on giving the order its second and final reading and passage. The order was rejected, (15 votes being required for passage), yeas 13, nays 3:

Yeas—Councilors Bryan, Cantwell, Carey, Hannon, Hurley, Kinsella, Lanigan, Linehan, McCormack, Ramsey, Sullivan, Wenzler, Yerxa—13.

Nays—Councilors Ansel, Chase, Coffey—3.

Voting Present—Councilor Beades—1.

Coun. SULLIVAN moved reconsideration of the foregoing vote and the motion to reconsider was carried.

On further motion of Councilor Sullivan the order was referred to the Executive Committee.

LOAN ORDERS FOR VETERANS' HOUSING.

On motion of Councilor Linehan, the Council voted to take from the Calendar, under unfinished business, Nos. 1 and 1A, viz.:

1. Order rescinding two loan orders of August 6, 1947, and August 20, 1947, in the sums of $8,000,000 and $2,000,000 for Veterans' Housing. On May 24, 1948, the said order was read once and passed, yeas eighteen, nays none.

1A. Order for loan of $10,000,000 for Veterans' Housing. On May 24, 1948, the said order was read once and passed, yeas seventeen, nays none.

The question came on No. 1 on the Calendar, and the order was given its second reading and passage, yeas 17, nays 0:

Yeas—Councilors Ansel, Beades, Bryan, Cantwell, Carey, Chase, Coffey, Hannon, Hurley, Keenan, Kinsella, Lane, Lanigan, Linehan, McCormack, Shanley, Yerxa—17.

Nays—0.

President HANNON in the chair.

The question came on No. 1A on the Calendar. The order was given its second reading and passage, yeas 19, nays 0:

Yeas—Councilors Ansel, Beades, Bryan, Cantwell, Carey, Coffey, Cook, Hannon, Hurley, Keenan, Kinsella, Lane, Lanigan, Linehan, McCormack, Shanley, Sullivan, Tracy, Yerxa—19.

Nays—0.

Voting Present—Councilor Chase.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CLAIMS.

Coun. LANIGAN, for the Committee on Claims, submitted the following:

Report on petition of Francis W. Callahan (referred May 10) to be reimbursed for amount of execution issued against him on account of his acts as operator of cruising car belonging to Police Department—recommending passage of accompanying order:

Ordered, That the sum of three thousand twenty-two dollars and six cents ($3,022.06) be allowed and paid to Francis W. Callahan in reimbursement for amount of execution issued against him on account of his acts as operator of a cruising car belonging to the Police Department, said sum to be charged to the Contingent Fund.

Report accepted, said order passed.

TRAFFIC SIGNAL, CAMBRIDGE AND JOY STREETS.

Coun. LANIGAN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested to arrange for the immediate installation of a traffic signal light at Cambridge and Joy streets, Ward 3.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

WELCOME TO FIRST MARINE DIVISION ASSOCIATION.

Coun. LANIGAN offered the following:

Whereas, The former members of the First Marine Division are holding their first postwar reunion in Boston on the sixth anniversary of the landing at Guadacanal, the first American offensive of World War II, on August 7, 1948, be it

Resolved, That the City Council of the City of Boston, in meeting assembled, hereby extends to the members of the First Marine Division Association well wishes for a successful reunion and an enjoyable visit to Boston.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

JUNE 17TH PARADE.

Coun. KINSELLA offered the following:

Ordered, That the parade route for the June 17th parade in Charlestown be roped off and that the expense of same be charged to the City Council item of Ropes, Stakes and Flags.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

SOUTH BOSTON AND CATHEDRAL SITES.

Coun. LINEHAN offered the following:

Whereas, The Boston City government in August, 1947, passed a loan order for $7,000,000 under section 26CC of chapter 574 of the Acts of 1946 for the purpose of constructing low-income housing developments on the Cathedral and South Boston sites; and

Whereas, Said $7,000,000 was to be loaned by the City of Boston to the Boston Housing Authority as Boston's contribution, under the so-called McCarthy Act, toward the total costs of construction of both developments, in conjunction with an additional sum to be furnished by the Federal Housing Authority; and

Whereas, Building costs have increased since August, 1947, to such an extent that Boston's contribution would have to be increased by several millions of dollars, making it impossible to build both projects at this time due to the fact that the City of Boston, under the law, cannot appropriate any sum in excess of the $7,000,000 for such a purpose; and

Whereas, The outlook is very doubtful for Federal legislation to remedy the situation in respect to construction of low-income housing developments in the coming year; and

Whereas, The City of Boston, rather than appropriate up to $10,000,000 as its contribution, under the so-called McCarthy Act, toward the building of the South Boston and Cathedral housing developments, can save millions of dollars by using part of the second $10,000,000, under chapter 372, Acts of 1946, as amended, for the purchase of the South Boston site at a cost of $1,417,894 and then, in turn, sell it to the Boston Housing Authority for the purpose of building the South Boston site under chapter 200 of the Acts of 1948, for furnishing multiple housing units for veterans and their families; and

Whereas, The State Board of Housing looks favorably on the existing plans for construction of the South Boston development and probably would approve a reasonable price for the purchase of the land by the Boston Housing Authority from the City of Boston; and

Whereas, His Honor the Mayor, in late 1947, demanded of the Boston Housing Authority that plans for construction of the South Boston and Cathedral developments be rushed so that construction of both projects would start this summer; therefore be it

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor request the Boston Housing Authority to immediately open negotiations with the State Board of Housing

relative to land costs to be paid under chapter 372 of the Acts of 1946 or chapter 200 of the Acts of 1948 on the South Boston and Cathedral sites to be used for the purpose of building multiple units for veterans and their families under said chapter 372 or chapter 200, and be it further

Ordered, That copies of this order and preamble clauses shall be sent forthwith to the Mayor of Boston, the Governor of the Commonwealth, the Boston Housing Authority, and the Committee on Ways and Means of the Massachusetts Legislature.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

PRICES ON PARKING METERS.

Coun. HANNON offered the following:

Ordered, That the parking meters in the outlying communities be set at the price of 12 minutes for one cent, rather than the present five-cent minimum charge.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

APPROPRIATION FOR STATE BOARD OF HOUSING.

Coun. LINEHAN offered the following:

Whereas, Chapter 200 of the Acts of 1948 entitled "An Act to Provide Assistance by the Commonwealth to Housing Authorities in Order to Alleviate the Housing Shortage for Veterans" was approved April 6, 1948, and contemplates the building of $200,000,000 in houses for veterans and their families; and

Whereas, The State Board of Housing is inadequately staffed at the present time to quickly carry out the provisions of chapter 200; and

Whereas, The Governor of the Commonwealth has requested an appropriation, through the Committee on Ways and Means, for the purpose of furnishing a sufficient staff of employees to carry out the provisions of chapter 200 of the Acts of 1948; therefore be it

Resolved, That his Honor the Mayor request the Committee on Ways and Means of the Massachusetts Legislature to act quickly on the request of the Governor for an appropriation for the State Board of Housing so that there will be no more delay due to an inadequate staff of employees in acting on applications for veterans' housing under said chapter 200 of the Acts of 1948; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution shall be sent forthwith to the Mayor of Boston, Governor of the Commonwealth, State Board of Housing, and Boston Housing Authority.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

ACCEPTANCE OF CHAPTER 406.

Coun. HANNON offered the following:

Ordered, That chapter 406 of the General Laws, recently enacted by the Senate and the House of Representatives, providing for a 40-hour work week for all employees at the Suffolk County House of Correction, be, and hereby is, accepted by the City Council.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

NAMING OF T/SGT. LEONARD ROSEN SQUARE.

Coun. ANSEL offered the following:

Ordered, That the space at the junction of Helen street and Talbot avenue, Ward 14, be named "T/Sgt. Leonard Rosen Square" in honor of said soldier who made the supreme sacrifice in World War II, and that suitable signs be erected designating same.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

"NO PARKING" SIGNS IN FRONT OF TEMPLE BETH HILLEL.

Coun. ANSEL offered the following:

Ordered, That the Traffic Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to install "No Parking" signs in front of the Temple Beth Hillel, 800 Morton street, Mattapan.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

ESTABLISHMENT OF SENIORITY, ETC.

Coun. BEADES offered the following:

Whereas, Section 15D of chapter 31 of the General Laws, as amended by section 5 of chapter 704 of the Acts of 1945, provides for the establishment of seniority and protects those individuals who have transferred into the City service from the service of the Commonwealth and other municipalities; and

Whereas, The City of Boston has benefited by such transfers; therefore be it

Ordered, That all Department Heads of the City of Boston be requested by his Honor the Mayor to adhere to the above-cited law so that said transferees may derive full vacation benefits according to their length of service.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

SIDEWALKS, WALTON STREET, WARD 17.

Coun. KEENAN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Public Works Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to replace the red brick sidewalks on Walton street, Ward 17, with granolithic sidewalks.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

USE OF LAND AS PLAYGROUND, WARD 17.

Coun. KEENAN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Park Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to study the advisability of using the land known as "Mothers' Rest" at Claybourne and Washington streets, Ward 17, as a playground for small children of the neighborhood.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

SUPERVISORS IN SCHOOLYARDS DURING SUMMER.

Coun. KEENAN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Boston School Committee be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to place supervisors in all schoolyards used for recreational purposes throughout the city during the summer vacation period.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

REFUND TO BOSTON TURN VEREIN, INC.

Coun. BRYAN offered the following:

Resolved, That the City Council of the City of Boston hereby favors the enactment of legislation authorizing the City of Boston to refund to Boston Turn Verein, Inc., certain license fees, provided that said legislation contains a referendum to the Mayor and the City Council.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

"STOP" SIGNS, SOUTH AND CENTRE STREETS.

Coun. BRYAN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Traffic Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to install "Stop" signs at the corner of South and Centre streets, Ward 20.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

EXCLUSION OF HEAVY TRUCKS FROM PART OF CHURCH STREET.

Coun. BRYAN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Traffic Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to exclude trucks over two and one half tons from that part of Church street bounded by Centre and Weld streets.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

CLEANING OF CATCH-BASINS, WARDS 19 AND 20.

Coun. BRYAN and McCORMACK offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to immediately clean all catch-basins in Wards 19 and 20.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

DORCHESTER DAY PARADE.

Coun. RAMSEY, BEADES, and KEENAN offered the following:

Ordered, That the City Messenger be, and he hereby is, requested to rope off certain spots designated by the police in conjunction with the Dorchester Day parade, June 12, 1948, the expense of same to be charged to the City Council appropriation for Ropes, Flags, and Stakes.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

PRUNING OF TREES INTERFERING WITH LIGHTING.

Coun. SHANLEY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Park Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to prune all trees which interfere with the proper lighting of any street in accordance with the provisions set up in the city ordinances.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

NAMING OF SOUTH BOSTON MUNICIPAL BUILDING.

Coun. WENZLER offered the following:

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to name the gymnasium at the South Boston Municipal Building the Martin F. McDonough Memorial Gymnasium, in memory of said McDonough who lost his life in action in November, 1942, at the sinking of the U.S.S. "Juneau."

Passed under suspension of the rules.

OPENING OF CONVENIENCE STATION, CITY POINT.

Coun. WENZLER offered the following:

Ordered, That the Park Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to open the convenience station at City Point for the thousands of women and children who enjoy the beaches, there not being any convenience station of any kind in that section.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

SUNDAY BAND CONCERTS, MARINE PARK.

Coun. WENZLER offered the following:

Ordered, That the Park Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to make arrangements for band concerts in Marine Park every Sunday during the summer months.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

SURVEY OF LAND AT SECOND AND H STREETS.

Coun. WENZLER offered the following:

Ordered, That the Park Commissioner consider the advisability of making a survey of the land at the northeast corner of Second and H streets with a view to erecting a playground at that location.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

PAINTING OF CROSSWALKS, SOUTH BOSTON.

Coun. WENZLER offered the following:

Ordered, That the Traffic Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to paint white lines on all the crosswalks in the Wards 6, 7, 8 and 13 sections of South Boston.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

Adjourned, on motion of Councilor Coffey, at 4.22 p. m., to meet on Monday, June 14, 1948, at 2 p. m.

Note: All debate of City Council eliminated from proceedings in accordance with Chapter 447, Acts of 1947.

(Stenographic copy of such debate on file in office of City Clerk.)

CITY OF BOSTON PRINTING DEPARTMENT

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of City Council.

Friday, June 11, 1948.

Special meeting of tbe City Council beld in tbe Council Chamber, City Hall, at 12 noon, President HANNON in tbe cbair. Absent, Councilor Yerxa.

The meeting was opened with tbe salute to the Flag.

CALL FOR MEETING.

Tbe Clerk read tbe call for tbe meeting as follows:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, June 8, 1948.

Jobn B. Hynes,
City Clerk.

Dear Sir:

You are bereby requested to assemble in tbe City Council Chamber, City Hall, on Friday, June 11, at 12 o'clock noon, for the purpose of taking action on the appropriation orders for salary increases to city, county and scbool employees, and to take action on all otber pending matters now before your Honorable Body.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Placed on file.

PETITIONS REFERRED.

Tbe following petitions were received and referred to tbe committees named, viz.:

Claims.

Anthony Armano, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at Devonsbire and Water streets.

Carrie May Balcom, for compensation for damage to clotbing wbile patient at City Hospital.

Jennie Carvelli, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at 20 Castlegate road.

Mabel E. Dolan, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in Milk street.

Silas MacNeill, to be reimbursed for expenses incurred in repairing sewer at 83 Ferrin street, Charlestown.

Paul Madden, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in Roslindale High Scbool.

Leada Mann, for compensation for damage to property caused by an alleged defect at 14 and 16 Huntington avenue.

John McAuliffe, for compensation for damage to car caused by an alleged defect in Cbestnut avenue.

Antonio Mondello, for compensation for damage to property at 39 and 41 Norman street, caused by defective sewer.

Frank A. Mortelliti, for compensation for damage to car by police car.

Rose Rumley, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at 245 North street.

Margaret Telfer, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in steps, Cbarles Street Underpass.

Lillian Wood, for compensation for damage to fence at 52 Cliff street, Roxbury, caused by street repair macbine.

Norma W. Clark, for compensation for damage to car by snow and ice falling from Jamaica Plain Brancb Library.

Florence M. Mosber, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in Higb street, Cbarlestown.

Executive.

Petition of Mrs. Francis L. Towle to be paid annuity on account of deatb of busband, Francis L. Towle, late member of Fire Department.

Petition of Helena M. Lydon to be paid annuity on account of death of husband, Tbomas F. Lydon, late member of Fire Department.

PERMITS FOR CHILDREN.

Petitions for children under fifteen years of age to appear at places of public amusement were received, viz.:

Rose E. Sidman, Misbkan Tefila Hall, June 23.
Boston Music Scbool, Inc., Peabody Playbouse, June 15.
Hazel Boone, Jordan Hall, June 23.
Michael A. Laurano, Jr., East Boston Higb Scbool, June 21.

Permits granted under usual conditions.

APPROVAL OF CONSTABLES' BONDS.

The constables' bonds of tbe following, baving been duly approved by the City Treasurer, were received and approved by the Council: Irving E. Bennett, Forrest F. Cbauncey, Isie Martin.

NOTICES FROM STATE BOARD OF HOUSING.

Notices were received from tbe State Board of Housing of approval of tbe following projects for veterans' bousing:

River Street, Mattapan, contract No. 12, consisting of 72 dwelling units at estimated cost of $890,115, but with reduction of sbrubbery around houses to one-third of listed amount.

Farragut road, East Fiftb street, East Sixth street, South Boston, consisting of 63 dwelling units, at estimated cost of $730,970.

Various projects for construction of one- and two-family houses only.

Severally placed on file.

INVESTIGATION OF JOHN MINCHELLO.

Coun. BEADES offered tbe following:

Ordered, Tbat the Overseers of Public Welfare be requested, tbrougb bis Honor the Mayor, to investigate Mr. Jobn Mincbello of 47 Seneca street, Soutb End, for the purpose of determining wbether or not he was receiving public aid and, if so, to report to the City Council the reasons wby be was accepted as a welfare recipient, said report to be forwarded before Monday next.

Passed under suspension of tbe rule.

RECESS.

On motion of Councilor Cook tbe Council voted to take a recess for five minutes at 12.14 p. m. Tbe members reassembled and were called to order by President HANNON at 12.20 p. m.

REGRET AT DEATH OF DR. JOSHUA LOTH LIEBMAN.

Coun. ANSEL, COOK, HANNON, LANE, SHANLEY, BRYAN offered tbe following:

Resolved, Tbat tbe City Council of tbe City of Boston, in meeting assembled, extends tbe profound regrets of the citizens of Boston, at tbe passing of Dr. Josbua Loth Liebman, a great and inspiring spiritual leader, wbo, during bis comparatively short life, demonstrated a divinely prompted force and energy which endeared bim to tbe peoples of every faith, and wbicb sbould forever be memorialized in tbe bearts of tbe Jewry of America and tbe world.

On motion of Councilor Cook the resolution was adopted and the Council rose for a few moments of silence in bonor of Dr. Liebman.

MAYOR JAMES M. CURLEY.

Mayor Curley bere addressed tbe Council on tbe subject of pending appropriation and loan orders.

RECESS.

On motion of Councilor Keenan the Council voted to take a recess at 12.28 p. m. Tbe mem-

bers reassembled in the Council Chamber and were called to order by President HANNON at 1.08 p. m.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Coun. McCORMACK, for the Executive Committee, submitted the following:

1. Report on message of Mayor and order (referred June 7) for appropriation of $1,570,375, increasing salaries of city and county employees receiving less than $3,500, with exception of Fire and Police Departments—that same ought to pass.

The report was accepted, and the order was passed, yeas 19, nays 0:

Yeas—Councilors Ansel, Beades, Bryan, Cantwell, Carey, Chase, Coffey, Hannon, Hurley, Keenan, Kinsella, Lane, Lanigan, Linehan, McCormack, Ramsey, Shanley, Sullivan, Tracy—19.

Nays—0.

2. Report on communication from Police Commissioner (referred June 7) *re* increase of certain basic salaries in House of Detention—that same ought to pass.

The report was accepted, and the order was passed.

3. Report on message of the Mayor and orders (referred June 7) for salary increases of School Committee employees, $107,263, and School Buildings Department employees, $6,200—that same ought to pass.

The report was accepted, and the orders were passed, yeas 19, nays 0:

Yeas—Councilors Ansel, Beades, Bryan, Cantwell, Carey, Chase, Coffey, Hannon, Hurley, Keenan, Kinsella, Lane, Lanigan, Linehan, McCormack, Ramsey, Shanley, Sullivan, Tracy—19.

Nays—0

4. Report on message of Mayor and order (referred June 7) appropriating $112,000 for automatic traffic control signals in various sections of the city—that same ought to pass.

The report was accepted, and the order was passed, yeas, 19, nays 0:

Yeas—Councilors Ansel, Beades, Bryan, Cantwell, Carey, Chase, Coffey, Hannon, Hurley, Keenan, Kinsella, Lane, Lanigan, Linehan, McCormack, Ramsey, Shanley, Sullivan, Tracy—19.

Nays—0.

5. Report on message of Mayor and order (referred June 7) for loan of $2,000,000 for construction of public ways, etc.—that same ought to pass.

The report was accepted, and the order was given its second reading and passage, yeas 19, nays 1:

Yeas—Councilors Ansel, Beades, Bryan, Cantwell, Carey, Coffey, Hannon, Hurley, Keenan, Kinsella, Lane, Lanigan, Linehan, McCormack, Ramsey, Shanley, Sullivan, Tracy, Wenzler—19.

Nays—Councilor Chase—1.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

Coun. CAREY, for the Committee on Finance, submitted the following:

Report on message of Mayor and order (referred June 7) for loan of $1,600,000 to be expended by various department officials for construction of buildings, original equipment and furnishings thereof—that same ought to pass.

The report was accepted, and the order was given its first reading and passage, yeas 19, nays 0:

Yeas—Councilors Ansel, Beades, Bryan, Cantwell, Carey, Chase, Coffey, Hannon, Hurley, Keenan, Kinsella, Lane, Lanigan, Linehan, McCormack, Ramsey, Shanley, Sullivan, Tracy—19.

Nays—0.

Assigned for fourteen days for final action.

REJECTION OF LOAN ORDERS.

On motion of Councilor Sullivan the Council called up, under unfinished business, Nos. 2, 3, 4 and 5, on the calendar, viz.:

2. Order for loan of $1,250,000 for construction of hospital building at Long Island. On May 24, 1948, the said order was read once and passed, yeas, 19, nays 0.

3. Order for loan of $100,000 for construction of a branch library in Ward 16. On May 24, 1948, the said order was read once and passed, yeas 17, nays 0.

4. Order for loan of $35,000 for construction of an incinerator at Boston Sanatorium. On May 24, 1948, the said order was read once and passed, yeas 19, nays 0.

5. Order for loan of $25,000 for construction of an incinerator at Long Island. On May 24, 1948, the said order was read once and passed, yeas 19, nays 0.

The question came on rejection of the orders. The orders were severally rejected, yeas 18, nays 0.

Yeas—Councilors Ansel, Beades, Bryan, Cantwell, Carey, Chase, Coffey, Hannon, Hurley, Keenan, Kinsella, Lanigan, Linehan, McCormack, Ramsey, Shanley, Sullivan, Tracy—18.

Nays—0.

EXCHANGE OF LAND, REAR OF MAPES STREET.

On motion of Councilor Beades the Council called up, under unfinished business, No. 1 on the calendar, viz.:

1. Order for exchange of land in rear of Mapes street, Dorchester. On May 24, 1948, the said order was read once and passed, yeas 16, nays 0.

The order was given its second reading and passage, yeas 17, nays 0:

Yeas—Councilors Ansel, Beades, Bryan, Cantwell, Carey, Chase, Coffey, Hannon, Hurley, Keenan, Kinsella, Lanigan, Linehan, McCormack, Ramsey, Sullivan, Tracy—17.

Nays—0.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS.

Coun. BRYAN, for the Committee on Appropriations, submitted the following:

1. Report on message of Mayor and order (referred May 17) for supplementary appropriation of $690,003.66 for city and county departments—that same ought to pass.

The report was accepted, and the order was passed, yeas 19, nays 0:

Yeas—Councilors Ansel, Beades, Bryan, Cantwell, Carey, Chase, Coffey, Hannon, Hurley, Keenan, Kinsella, Lane, Lanigan, Linehan, McCormack, Ramsey, Shanley, Sullivan, Tracy—19.

Nays—0.

2. Report on message of Mayor and order (referred May 3) appropriating $39,000 for remodeling of Central Library Building—that same ought to pass.

The report was accepted, and the order was passed, yeas 17, nays 2:

Yeas—Councilors Ansel, Beades, Bryan, Cantwell, Carey, Chase, Coffey, Hannon, Hurley, Keenan, Kinsella, Lane, Lanigan, Linehan, Ramsey, Shanley, Sullivan—17.

Nays—Councilors McCormack, Tracy—2.

ELECTRIC LIGHT, STRANDWAY, NEAR COLUMBIA CIRCLE.

Coun. LINEHAN offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor request the Park Commission to install an electric street light at the corner of the South Boston Strandway, near Columbia Circle, where the by-pass road leading from Camp McKay meets with said Strandway.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

THE NEXT MEETING.

On motion of Councilor Bryan the Council voted that when it adjourn it be to meet on Monday, June 21, 1948, at 2 p. m.

REPLACING OF GAS LAMPS ON HOLTON STREET, WARD 22.

Coun. SHANLEY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Traffic Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to replace the present antiquated gas lamps on Holton street, Ward 22, with modern electric arc lamps.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

NAMING OF PAUL CURRAN SQUARE.

Coun. SHANLEY offered the following:

Ordered, That the space at the junction of Sparhawk and Market streets, Ward 22, be named the Paul Curran Square, in memory of this soldier who gave his life in the service of his country.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

SUGGESTED INCREASE FOR HOSPITAL EMPLOYEES.

Coun. RAMSEY offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to confer with the Budget Commissioner in an effort to devise ways and means of increasing the salaries of City Hospital employees above the $300 suggested, in order that they may be better able to meet the increase in living costs.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

On motion of Councilor Ansel, the Council voted to adjourn at 1.50 p. m., to meet on Monday, June 21, 1948, at 2 p. m.

Note: All debate of City Council eliminated from proceedings in accordance with Chapter 447, Acts of 1947.

(Stenographic copy of such debate on file in office of City Clerk.)

CITY OF BOSTON PRINTING DEPARTMENT

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of City Council.

Monday, June 21, 1948.

Regular meeting of the City Council held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 2 p. m., President HANNON in the chair. Absent, Councilors Chase, Coffey and Hurley.

The meeting was opened with the salute to the Flag.

APPOINTMENT BY THE MAYOR.

Subject to confirmation by the Council, the Mayor submitted the following appointment:

Patrick Gillen, 243 West Fifth street, South Boston, as Constable for term beginning with first day of May, 1948, not authorized to serve civil process, and to serve without bond.

Referred to Committee on Confirmations.

REMOVAL OF PAUL BARTEL AS CONSTABLE.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, June 8, 1948.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

This is to notify you that I have this day removed Paul Bartel, 34 Baxter street, South Boston, as a constable of the City of Boston.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Placed on file.

CONVENIENCE STATION, CITY POINT.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, June 16, 1948.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Park Department, relative to your order of June 7, 1948, concerning the opening of a convenience station at City Point for the women and children who visit the beaches.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Park Department, June 14, 1948.

Lawrence P. Gilligan,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Sir:

In answer to your memorandum, with enclosure, Council order requesting the Park Commissioner to open the convenience station at City Point for the thousands of women and children who enjoy the beaches, I wish to say that this building will be opened for the summer season, beginning tomorrow, June 15. This is the usual custom when the beaches throughout the department open up for the season.

Very truly yours,
JOHN J. MURPHY, Chairman.

Placed on file.

ELECTRIC LIGHT, STRANDWAY, NEAR COLUMBIA CIRCLE.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, June 21, 1948.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Park Department, relative to your order of June 11, 1948, concerning the installing of an electric street light at the corner of the South Boston Strandway, near Columbia Circle.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Park Department, June 18, 1948.

Lawrence P. Gilligan,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Sir:

I have your memorandum, with enclosure, City Council order of June 11, 1948, requesting the Park Commission to install an electric street light at the corner of the South Boston Strandway, near Columbia Circle, where the by-pass road leading from Camp McKay meets with said Strandway.

The installation of all street lights, including the cost of operation of same, on highways and parkways is under the jurisdiction of the Public Works Department, Street Lighting Service. I would suggest that this request be submitted to the Public Works Commissioner for his consideration.

Very truly yours,
JOHN J. MURPHY, Chairman.

Placed on file.

SUNDAY BAND CONCERTS AT MARINE PARK.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, June 21, 1948.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Park Department, relative to your order of June 7, 1948, concerning the making of arrangements for band concerts in Marine Park every Sunday during the summer months.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Park Department, June 18, 1948.

Lawrence P. Gilligan,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Sir:

I desire to acknowledge your memorandum, with enclosure, City Council order requesting the Park Commissioner to make arrangements for band concerts in Marine Park every Sunday during the summer months.

Last summer at four locations, one of which was Marine Park, a series of band concerts was held on eight Sundays during July and August. The city paid one half of the cost of the concerts, and the other half was paid for by the Musicians' Union. The money expended was not in the Park Department budget but was paid out of the Contingent Fund. There is no money in this year's budget of this department for band concerts. Last year the concerts were fairly well attended in three locations, one of which was Marine Park.

If the same arrangements could be made as last year, and the money provided from some fund, in my opinion the suggestion warrants consideration.

Very truly yours,
JOHN J. MURPHY, Chairman.

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INSTALLATION OF LIGHTS, WARD 12.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, June 14, 1948.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Department of Public Works, relative to your order of April 26, 1948, concerning the installing of lights at the corner of Tupelo and Quincy streets and Maybury and Quincy streets, Ward 12.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Public Works Department,
June 11, 1948.

Mr. Lawrence P. Gilligan.
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Sir:

I return herewith order in City Council that the Commissioner of Public Works install lights at the corner of Tupelo and Quincy streets and Maybury and Quincy streets, Ward 12, and this will advise you that the Lighting Service of the

Public Works Department will have a survey made of these locations with a view to granting this request.

Very truly yours,
ROBERT P. CURLEY,
Commissioner of Public Works.

Placed on file.

INSTALLATION OF LIGHT, HATCH STREET AND MARINE ROAD.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, June 14, 1948.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Department of Public Works, relative to your order of April 26, 1948, concerning installing an arc light at the corner of Hatch street and Marine road, South Boston.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Public Works Department,
June 11, 1948.

Mr. Lawrence P. Gilligan,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Sir:

I return herewith order in City Council that the Commissioner of Public Works install an arc light at the corner of Hatch street and Marine road, South Boston, and this will advise you that the Lighting Service of the Public Works Department will have a survey made of this location with a view to granting this request.

Very truly yours,
ROBERT P. CURLEY,
Commissioner of Public Works.

Placed on file.

INSTALLATION OF LIGHTS, WARD 22.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, June 14, 1948.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Department of Public Works, relative to your order of May 3, 1948, concerning the installing of an electric light in Waverly place, Ward 22; also an electric light at the corner of Washington and Parsons streets, Ward 22.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Public Works Department,
June 11, 1948.

Mr. Lawrence P. Gilligan,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Sir:

I return herewith order in City Council that the Commissioner of Public Works install an electric light in Waverly place, Ward 22; also an electric light at the corner of Washington and Parsons streets, in Ward 22; and this will advise you that the Lighting Service of the Public Works Department will have a survey made of these two locations with a view to granting this request.

Very truly yours,
ROBERT P. CURLEY,
Commissioner of Public Works.

Placed on file.

LIGHTING CONDITIONS ON GREEN STREET.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, June 14, 1948.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Public Works Department, relative to your order of May 3, 1948, concerning the improvement of lighting conditions on Green street, from Washington street to Centre street.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Public Works Department,
June 11, 1948.

Mr. Lawrence P. Gilligan,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Sir:

I return herewith order in City Council that the Street Lighting Division of the Public Works Department immediately improve lighting conditions on Green street, from Washington street to Centre street, and this will advise you that a survey will be made of this area with a view to improving conditions.

Very truly yours,
ROBERT P. CURLEY,
Commissioner of Public Works.

Placed on file.

ELECTRIC LIGHTS, PARKLAND STREET, WARD 22.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, June 14, 1948.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Department of Public Works, relative to your order of May 10, 1948, concerning the replacing of antiquated gas lamps on Parkland street, Ward 22, with modern overhead electric lamps.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Public Works Department,
June 11, 1948.

Mr. Lawrence P. Gilligan,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Sir:

I return herewith order in City Council that the Commissioner of Public Works replace the antiquated gas lamps on Parkland street, Ward 22, with modern overhead electric lamps, and this will advise you that the lighting service of the Public Works Department will have a survey made of this street with a view to changing the gas lamps to electric type.

Very truly yours,
ROBERT P. CURLEY,
Commissioner of Public Works.

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CLEANING OF CATCH-BASINS, WARDS 19 AND 20.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, June 14, 1948.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Department of Public Works, relative to your order of June 7, 1948, concerning the cleaning of all catch-basins in Wards 19 and 20.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Public Works Department,
June 11, 1948.

Lawrence P. Gilligan,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Sir:

In response to Council order dated June 7, 1948, requesting the Commissioner of Public Works to immediately clean all catch-basins in Wards 19 and 20, a survey is being made of all catch-basins in these wards that are in need of cleaning and we will proceed with the cleaning of same within a week or ten days.

ROBERT P. CURLEY,
Commissioner of Public Works.

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INSTALLATION OF ELECTRIC LIGHTS, SOUTH BOSTON.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, June 14, 1948.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Department of Public Works, relative to your

order of May 24, 1948, concerning the installing of electric lights in place of the present gas lamps in the South Boston district.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Public Works Department,
June 11, 1948.

Mr. Lawrence P. Gilligan,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.

Dear Sir:

I return herewith order in City Council that the Commissioner of Public Works install electric lights in place of the present gas lamps in the South Boston district, and this will advise you that the Lighting Service of the Public Works Department will have a survey made with a view to changing the gas lamps to electric lamps.

Very truly yours,
ROBERT P. CURLEY,
Commissioner of Public Works.

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MANHOLE EXPLOSIONS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, June 15, 1948.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from Corporation Counsel, relative to your order of May 10, 1948, regarding what progress has been made on survey taken by public utilities corporations for the purpose of devising ways and means of preventing further manhole explosions throughout the City of Boston.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Law Department, June 14, 1948.

Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Mr. Mayor:

This is in reply to your communication requesting my consideration and report of Council order of May 10, 1948, which reads as follows:

"Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to immediately contact the various public utilities corporations in an attempt to ascertain what progress, if any, has been made on the survey which they undertook, as a result of an order passed by the City Council last February, for the purpose of devising ways and means of preventing further manhole explosions throughout the City of Boston."

I enclose copies of letters received from the Boston Edison Company and the Boston Consolidated Gas Company, which letters are self-explanatory.

Very truly yours,
JOSEPH A. SCOLPONETI,
Corporation Counsel.

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Boston Edison Company,
One Hundred Eighty-two Tremont Street,
Boston, June 10, 1948.

James V. Toner, President.

Mr. William A. McDermott, Assistant Corporation Counsel, City of Boston Law Department, 11 Beacon Street, Boston, Mass.

My dear Mr. McDermott:

I am glad to reply to your letter of June 3 relative to the order adopted by the City Council, which you quoted, concerning surveys by the public utility corporations regarding ways and means of preventing manhole explosions in the City of Boston.

In order to minimize, and if possible to prevent, accumulation of combustible gases in its manholes, Boston Edison Company in 1931 commenced, with the Boston Consolidated Gas Company, a continuous cooperative survey of the composition of the atmospheres in our manholes to detect the presence of combustible gases. The survey methods were planned originally with the assistance of the United States Bureau of Mines, concededly the best informed authority on this subject; and its primary object was to locate areas in which combustible gases were found in manholes. This method afforded the Gas Company an opportunity to remedy situations where the presence of combustible gases were the result of gas leaks.

The results showed that the survey provided an effective means of reducing to a minimum the number of Boston Edison manholes containing combustible gases of any nature and therefore reduced the potential hazard of manhole explosions in which such gases might be present. This survey has been continued without interruption from its inception. However, during the past winter, which was abnormally severe both as to temperature and the amount of snow, it appeared that an extensive number of street leaks in gas pipes were occurring. Two manhole explosions of more than ordinary severity were experienced during this period. Accordingly, while it is not to be inferred that illuminating gas is present in the case of all manhole explosions, it was considered advisable, in order to take all possible precautions, to institute a new procedure in which this manhole testing program was accelerated to the point where the testing crews operated continuously throughout the twenty-four hours and for seven days each week. In addition, all Boston Edison crews who had occasion to open manholes were provided with approved gas-testing equipment. Tests for the presence of gas were made each time before a manhole cover was lifted, so that the greatest possible coverage would be obtained.

Most important, arrangements were made with the Boston Consolidated Gas Company to advise our distribution despatchers of the presence of all gas leaks in the streets. Boston Edison Company gave these reports the same precedence that was given to our own electrical emergency calls. The locations of these leaks were passed by short-wave radio or were telephoned at once to one of the Boston Edison crews who were equipped for gas testing, and they investigated all Edison manholes for the presence of combustible gases and, where necessary, the manholes of other utilities. All manholes found to contain such gas were then thoroughly ventilated until found free of gas. Manholes in these areas were tested at successive periods until it was determined that no further accumulation of gas was occurring.

For some time an investigation has been under way by Boston Edison Company of all methods known to us whereby combustible gas mixtures in manholes could be eliminated. In this connection we consulted other electric power companies, which have a similar problem, to obtain their experience and to determine the methods they employ. It was decided that, in addition to following all street gas leaks reported by the Gas Company, by our own employees, and by others, the most immediate step which might be most effective in minimizing possible accumulation of combustible gases in manholes was to increase natural ventilation of the manholes. To accomplish this, a new type of manhole cover was developed, approximately 40 per cent of the area of which is open to the atmosphere.

The exact efficiency of this type of cover and its ventilating effect is not yet determined, but, in order to take steps promptly, we have already installed over 100 of these covers in the area centering on the corner of Washington and Summer streets, and orders have been placed for an additional quantity which will be installed as fast as received. We are now conducting, according to Bureau of Mine methods, tests of this manhole cover and certain modifications of it, including the use of pipes, in order to increase manhole ventilation to the practical maximum. As this investigation proceeds, other proposed methods of freeing manholes of combustible gases are scheduled to be tried.

I appreciate this opportunity to advise you of our work on this important problem and to assure you of our desire to cooperate fully with all agencies which are concerned with it.

Very truly yours,
JAMES V. TONER.

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Boston Consolidated Gas Company,
100 Arlington Street,
Boston, June 10, 1948.

William A. McDermott, Esq., Assistant Corporation Counsel, City of Boston Law Department, 11 Beacon Street, Boston, Mass.

Dear Mr. McDermott:

In reply to your letter of June 3, 1948, with reference to an order of the Boston City Council concerning a survey of manhole explosions, according to our records at a hearing before the City Council Committee on Public Safety held on Wednesday, February 25, there developed no necessity of surveying manholes owned by the Telephone Company, Western Union Company,

Metropolitan Transit Authority, and Boston Consolidated Gas Company, as the records of past experience submitted at the meeting indicated that no survey of these manholes was necessary. Representatives of the Boston Edison Company expressed a willingness to cause a survey to be made of Edison manholes. From the date of that hearing until the receipt of your letter of June 3, this company received no notice that the city desired a survey.

I am accordingly assuming that the survey referred to in your letter was a survey of Boston Edison Company manholes, to be made by the Boston Edison Company in cooperation with representatives of the city, and that no further information is desired from this company.

If, however, you wish any further information from us, I will be happy to arrange for discussions with you and our representatives at any time convenient for you.

I am answering this letter inasmuch as Mr. E. M. Farnsworth, to whom you addressed your letter, has retired as president of this company.

Very truly yours,
E. H. Eacker, President.

Placed on file.

TRAFFIC CONDITIONS, OLSON SQUARE.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, June 11, 1948.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Traffic Commission, relative to your order of May 24, 1948, concerning the conducting of a survey at the junction of Adams street and Gallivan Boulevard, where Olson square is located, in order to alleviate a hazardous traffic condition and to reduce future accidents.

Respectfully,
James M. Curley, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Traffic Commission, June 9, 1948.

Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.
Dear Sir:

In reply to Council order of Councilor Beades, dated May 24, 1948, reading as follows:

"Ordered, That the Traffic Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to conduct an immediate survey at the junction of Adams street and Gallivan Boulevard, where Olson square is located, in order to alleviate a hazardous traffic condition and to reduce future accidents to a minimum."

Please be advised that we are preparing a plan whereby the present large triangular island in the throat of Adams street will be removed, and three small divisional islands substituted. It is expected that these three islands will channelize traffic entering and leaving Adams street at Gallivan Boulevard, and thus reduce the hazard that now maintains at that intersection. Upon completion of this plan, blueprints will be submitted to the Street Commissioners and the Public Works Commissioner to have this work done at their convenience.

Very truly yours,
Leo F. Curley, Commissioner.

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PAINTING OF WHITE LINES ON CROSSWALKS, SOUTH BOSTON.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, June 21, 1948.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Traffic Commissioner, relative to your order of June 7, 1948, concerning the painting of white lines on all the crosswalks in Wards 6, 7, 8, and 13, South Boston.

Respectfully,
James M. Curley, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Traffic Commission, June 15, 1948.

Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.
Dear Sir:

In reply to Council order of Councilor Wenzler, dated June 7, 1948, reading as follows:

"Ordered, That the Traffic Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to paint white lines on all the crosswalks in the Ward 6, 7, 8, and 13 sections of South Boston."

Please be advised that it is our intention to follow through our painting program, which will cover all sections of the city, just as soon as we can. The weather conditions for the past six weeks have seriously delayed this program.

Respectfully,
Leo F. Curley, Commissioner.

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"NO PARKING" SIGNS, TEMPLE BETH HILLEL.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, June 21, 1948.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Traffic Commissioner, relative to your order of June 7, 1948, concerning the installing of "No Parking" signs in front of the Temple Beth Hillel, Mattapan.

Respectfully,
James M. Curley, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Traffic Commission, June 15, 1948.

Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.
Dear Sir:

In reply to Council order of Councilor Ansel, dated June 7, 1948, reading as follows:

"Ordered, That the Traffic Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to install 'No Parking' signs in front of the Temple Beth Hillel, 80 Morton street, Mattapan,"

please be advised that orders have been issued to furnish Temple Beth Hillel with two "No Parking Between" signs—signs that can be used during the time they are necessary for the various functions at the temple.

Respectfully,
Leo F. Curley, Commissioner.

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TRAFFIC SIGNAL, WARD 3.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, June 21, 1948.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Traffic Commissioner, relative to your order of June 7, 1948, concerning the installing of a traffic signal light at Cambridge and Joy streets, Ward 3.

Respectfully,
James M. Curley, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Traffic Commission, June 15, 1948.

Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.
Dear Sir:

In reply to Council order of Councilor Lanigan, dated June 7, 1948, reading as follows:

"Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested to arrange for the immediate installation of traffic signal light at Cambridge and Joy streets, Ward 3,"

please be advised that it is the intention of the Traffic Commission to signalize the intersection of Cambridge street and Joy street in the near future.

Respectfully,
Leo F. Curley, Commissioner.

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PARKING METER CHARGES.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, June 21, 1948.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Traffic Commissioner, relative to your order of June 7, 1948, regarding the setting of the price for parking meters in the outlying communities at one cent for twelve minutes, rather than the present five-cent minimum charge.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Traffic Commission, June 15, 1948.

Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.
Dear Sir:

In reply to Council order of Councilor Hannon, dated June 7, 1948, reading as follows:

"Ordered, That the parking meters in the outlying communities be set at the price of twelve minutes for one cent, rather than the present five-cent minimum charge,"

please be advised that the parking meters are on trial at the present time and we are studying their operation. If, in the opinion of the Traffic Commission it becomes desirable to make the change from the present five cents minimum to twelve minutes for one penny, we are prepared to make this change after a reasonable trial and study.

Respectfully,
LEO F. CURLEY, Commissioner.

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"STOP" SIGNS, SOUTH AND CENTRE STREETS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, June 21, 1948.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Traffic Commissioner, relative to your order of June 7, 1948, concerning the installing of "Stop" signs at the corner of South and Centre streets, Ward 20.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Traffic Commission, June 15, 1948.

Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.
Dear Sir:

In reply to Council order of Councilor Bryan, dated June 7, 1948, reading as follows:

"Ordered, That the Traffic Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to install 'Stop' signs at the corner of South and Centre streets, Ward 20,"

please be advised that recently a divisional island was constructed in the throat of South street, at Centre street, which we expect will channelize the movement of traffic and afford a haven for the pedestrians.

I respectfully suggest that Councilor Bryan wait for a short while to see whether or not the erection of this island will do away with the necessity of creating a "Stop" street.

Respectfully,
LEO F. CURLEY, Commissioner.

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INVESTIGATION OF JOHN MINICHELLO.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, June 21, 1948.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Overseers of the Public Welfare, relative to your order of June 11, 1948, concerning investigation of Mr. John Minichello, of 47 Seneca street, South End.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. Curley, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Overseers of the Public Welfare,
June 18, 1948.

Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.
Dear Sir:

This department is in receipt of the following order of the City Council, passed on June 11, 1948:

"Ordered, That the Overseers of Public Welfare be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to investigate Mr. John Minichello, of 47 Seneca street, South End, for the purpose of determining whether or not he was receiving public aid and, if so, to report to the City Council the reasons why he was accepted as a welfare recipient, said report to be forwarded before Monday next."

Investigation was made, and aid in this case was given on a week to week basis because Mr. Minichello was unemployed and he showed evidence that he was making an effort to obtain employment.

It was felt that because of Mrs. Minichello's pregnancy and the presence of a minor child there was apparent need in this family, and there was no alternative but to aid them.

Very truly yours,
LOUIS P. LEONARD, Chairman.

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SALARIES OF FIRST ASSISTANT ASSESSORS, ETC.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, June 21, 1948.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

The salaries of first assistant assessors, attachés of the City Council, and deputy sealers of weights and measures are governed by city ordinance.

In order that these employees, receiving less than $3,500 a year, may share in the general compensation increase given to all other employees, the ordinances must be amended.

I therefore submit herewith an ordinance amending the salary rates for the employees abovementioned, and respectfully recommend its passage by your Honorable Body.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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City of Boston.

In the Year Nineteen Hundred and Forty-Eight.

An Ordinance Concerning Salaries of Officials of the City.

Be it ordained by the City Council of Boston, as follows:

Chapter 3, section 3, of the Revised Ordinances of 1947 is hereby amended as follows:

In the clause establishing the salaries of assessors, by striking out that portion relating to salaries of first assistant assessors, and inserting in place thereof the following: "Each first assistant assessor, thirteen hundred and fifty dollars for street work and preparation therefor, and thirteen hundred and fifty dollars for services on dooming board and work on abatements and investigations."

In the clause establishing the salaries of the sealer and deputy sealer of weights and measures, by striking out said clause and inserting in place thereof the following: "The sealer of weights and measures, five thousand dollars; the chief deputy sealer, such salary not exceeding thirty-five hundred dollars; and the other deputy sealers, such salary not exceeding thirty-three hundred dollars each, as may be fixed by the sealer of weights and measures with the approval of the mayor."

In the clause establishing the salaries of officers connected with the city council, by striking out said clause and inserting in place thereof the following: "The officers connected with the city council; the clerk of committees, six thousand dollars; the assistant clerk of committees, forty-six hundred dollars; two stenographer clerks, each thirty-three hundred dollars; the city messenger, six thousand dollars; the first assistant city messenger, four thousand dollars; the second assistant city messenger, thirty-three hundred dollars; two stenographer-clerks, each three thousand dollars; the document man, thirty-five hundred dollars; the assistant document man, three thousand dollars."

Referred to the Executive Committee.

SALE OF OLD CABOT STREET FIREHOUSE.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, June 21, 1948.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

The Old Cabot Street Firehouse is now being occupied, under lease, by the William E. Carter Post, No. 16, American Legion. The building is in a dilapidated condition, as a result of age and a recent fire, and to place the said building in good condition for continued occupancy would cost the city a considerable sum of money.

It is the opinion of the Superintendent of Public Buildings, in which I share, that the building should be sold to the Carter Post of the American Legion for a flat sum of $100. The members of the Post are willing, under these circumstances, to make the necessary repairs to the building.

I recommend, therefore, the adoption of the accompanying order by your Honorable Body.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Public Buildings Department,
June 21, 1948.

Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.
Dear Mr. Mayor:

Referring to the attached correspondence concerning the purchase of the old Cabot Street Firehouse by the William E. Carter Post, No. 16, American Legion, it is my opinion that the city's interests would be best served by accepting their offer of $100.

The building is in an extremely dilapidated condition and it would be most unwise, in my opinion, for the city to expend any sum to make it habitable.

In consideration of the above, I respectfully recommend that this order be forwarded to the City Council recommending said sale.

Attached is an order and description of the property.

Respectfully yours,
JAMES E. SULLIVAN,
Superintendent of Public Buildings.

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Whereas, The City of Boston owns in fee a certain parcel of land containing approximately four thousand eight hundred thirty-two (4,832) square feet of land, together with the building thereon, situated on the northwesterly side of Cabot street at the southwesterly corner of Whittier street in the Roxbury district of the City of Boston; and

Whereas, The said parcel of property is no longer required for public purposes; now therefore it is hereby

Ordered, That the Superintendent, Public Buildings Department of the City of Boston, be, and he hereby is, authorized in the name and behalf of the City of Boston to sell at private sale for the sum of one hundred dollars ($100) to William E. Carter Post No. 16, American Legion, all the City of Boston's right, title and interest in and to said parcel of property, hereinafter described; and it is hereby further

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor of the City of Boston, be, and he hereby is, authorized in the name and behalf of the City of Boston to execute and deliver to William E. Carter Post No. 16, American Legion, a written instrument satisfactory in form to the Law Department of the City of Boston conveying all the City of Boston's right, title and interest in and to said parcel of property hereinafter described. The said parcel of property is bounded and described as follows:

Southeasterly by the northwesterly line of Cabot street, forty-eight and 25-100 (48.25) feet; southwesterly by land of the City of Boston, one hundred twenty-four and 70-100 (124.70) feet; northwesterly by the southeasterly line of Downing street, by two measurements, one and 9-100 (1.09) and forty-one and 69-100 (41.69) feet; northeasterly by the southwesterly line of Whittier street, one hundred two and 8-100 (102.08) feet, containing four thousand eight hundred thirty-two (4,832) square feet of land, more of less. Said parcel of land, together with the locations of the buildings thereon and all of said measurements, are shown on a plan marked "City of Boston, Cabot Street, Downing Street, Whittier Street, Roxbury, July 11, 1947, Thomas F. McGovern, Chief Engineer, Street Laying-Out Department." The original plan is on file in the office of the Street Laying-Out Department, City Hall, Boston, Mass.

Referred to Committee on Public Lands.

SALE OF LAND AT COLUMBUS AVENUE AND RITCHIE STREET.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, June 21, 1948.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I am in receipt of the attached communication from the Commissioner of Public Works in which he recommends that approximately 22,271 square feet of city-owned land at Columbus avenue and Ritchie street be sold at public auction.

The portion of land in question is part of an area containing approximately 192,597 square feet of land, in use at the present time as a yard of the Public Works Department. The Commissioner of Public Works states that the entire area is not necessary for the needs of the department, and no activities will be sacrificed if the above-mentioned sale is consummated.

I concur in the recommendation of the Public Works Commissioner for the reason that wherever and whenever possible city-owned land should be disposed of and placed in taxable hands for the general good of the city. Consequently, I submit herewith an order for the sale, at public auction, of the land above referred to, at an upset price of $11,135.50, and recommend adoption of the order by your Honorable Body.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Public Works Department,
June 16, 1948.

Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.
Dear Mr. Mayor:

This department has received a proposal for the purchase of approximately 22,271 square feet of city-owned land at Columbus avenue and Ritchie street, in Roxbury. The price offered is 50 cents a square foot.

This is a portion of an area of land under the jurisdiction of the Public Works Department, containing in all about 192,597 square feet, bordering on Columbus avenue, Ritchie street, and Highland street. It is the headquarters of the Roxbury district of this department. The entire area, however, is not necessary for our needs, and I am of the opinion that the city could sell the area for which the proposal has been made, without, in any way, sacrificing the activities carried on at this location.

At the request of this office the Law Department has prepared an order for presentation to the City Council. I attach the original and three copies of this order, and respectfully recommend that you transmit it to the City Council, with a request that a sale, at public auction, be authorized, at an upset price of $11,135.50.

The dimensions and boundaries of the portion for which the offer has been made are shown on attached blueprint from plan dated June 14, 1948, and signed by Thomas F. McGovern, Chief Engineer of the Street Laying-Out Department.

Respectfully yours,
ROBERT P. CURLEY,
Commissioner of Public Works.

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Whereas, The City of Boston owns in fee certain lands situated on the easterly side of Columbus avenue and on the northerly side of Ritchie street in the Roxbury district of the City of Boston. The title to said lands was acquired by a deed dated May 17, 1830, recorded with Norfolk Deeds, Book 92, page 51; and

Whereas, The Commissioner of Public Works of the City of Boston has declared that a certain parcel of said lands, hereinafter described is no longer needed for public purposes; now therefore it is hereby

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works of the City of Boston, be, and he hereby is, authorized in the name and behalf of the City of Boston to sell at public auction at an upset price of eleven thousand one hundred thirty-five and 50–100 dollars ($11,135.50) all the City of Boston's right,

title and interest in and to said parcel of land, hereinafter described; and it is hereby further

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor of the City of Boston, be, and he hereby is, authorized in the name and behalf of the City of Boston to execute and deliver to a purchaser at said public auction a written instrument satisfactory in form to the Law Department of the City of Boston conveying all the City of Boston's right, title and interest in and to said parcel of land, bounded and described as follows:

Westerly by the easterly side line of Columbus avenue, one hundred sixty-eight and 92-100 (168.92) feet; northerly by land now or formerly of F. W. Webb Manufacturing Company, eighty (80.00) feet; westerly by other land now or formerly of F. W. Webb Manufacturing Company, twenty-three and 29-100 (23.29) feet; northerly by land now or formerly of U-Dryvit Auto Rental Company, Inc., twenty and 43-100 (20.43) feet; easterly by other land of the City of Boston, two hundred sixty-three and 25-100 (263.25) feet; southerly by the northerly line of Ritchie street, by two measurements, eighty-one and 59-100 (81.59) feet and thirty-two and 04-100 (32.04) feet; westerly by land now or formerly of Anna C. Reiss and M. Ludwig Boehner, twelve and 18-100 (12.18) feet; southwesterly by other land now or formerly of Anna C. Reiss and M. Ludwig Boehner, nine and 30-100 (9.30) feet, containing twenty-two thousand two hundred seventy-one (22,271) square feet of land, more or less. Said parcel of land and all of said measurements are shown on a plan marked "City of Boston, Columbus Avenue, Ritchie Street, Roxbury, June 14, 1948, Thomas F. McGovern, Chief Engineer, Street Laying-Out Department." The original of said plan is on file in the office of the Street Laying-Out Department, City Hall, Boston, Mass.

Referred to Committee on Public Lands.

APPROPRIATION FOR PUBLIC WELFARE DEPARTMENT.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, June 21, 1948.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

Under the provisions of chapter 65 of the Acts of 1941 any balance remaining in the fund originally established in connection with the operation of the Federal Surplus Commodity Stamp Plan may, when the plan is no longer operative, be appropriated for any public welfare purpose. At the present time a balance of approximately $10,000 is available in the fund and since the operation of the plan has been discontinued by the Federal Government, it is proposed, with the approval of your Honorable Body, to appropriate $9,526 requested by the Board of Overseers of the Public Welfare for the following purposes:

PUBLIC WELFARE DEPARTMENT.

Central Office.

B.	Contractual Services		$3,400
	39. General repairs	$3,400	
C.	Equipment		1,626
	4. Motor vehicles	1,300	
	7. Furniture and furnishings..	326	
			$5,026

Temporary Home.

B.	Contractual Services		$3,000
	39. General repairs	$3,000	
D.	Supplies		1,500
	2. Food and ice	1,500	
			$4,500

I submit herewith an appropriation order, and respectfully recommend its adoption by your Honorable Body.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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Ordered, That in accordance with the provisions of chapter 65 of the Acts of 1941, the sum of $9,526 of the balance remaining in the special account Installation of Federal Surplus Commodity Stamp Plan be, and the same hereby is, appropriated for the following purposes:

PUBLIC WELFARE DEPARTMENT.

Central Office.

B.	Contractual Services		$3,400
	39. General repairs	$3,400	
C.	Equipment		1,626
	4. Motor vehicles	1,300	
	7. Furniture and furnishings,	325	
			$5,026

Temporary Home.

B.	Contractual Services		$3,000
	39. General repairs	$3,000	
D.	Supplies		1,500
	2. Food and ice	1,500	
			$4,500

Referred to Committee on Appropriations.

SALARY INCREASE TO COUNTY EMPLOYEES.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, June 21, 1948.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I am in receipt of the enclosed communication from the Budget Commissioner requesting authorization to grant the $300 increase to county employees who come under the County Compensation and Classification Plans for the officers and employees of Suffolk County, and I recommend passage of the accompanying order by your Honorable Body.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Budget Department, June 21, 1948.

To the Mayor and City Council.
Gentlemen:

Authority of the Mayor and City Council is necessary in order to grant the $300 increase to employees of Suffolk County who come under the Compensation and Classification Plans for the officers and employees of Suffolk County.

In order to accomplish this there is forwarded herewith an order authorizing a $300 increase to all employees under the said plan, provided that no increase shall be given to any employee which will increase the present annual salary to more than $3,500.

This authorization is necessary so that there will be no delay in granting the increase to the county employees entitled to the same. However, the granting of this increase will necessitate a later revision of the ranges of compensation provided in the County Compensation and Classification Plans, but in the meantime, the enclosed order will permit us to accomplish our purpose.

Very truly yours,
JOHN A. SULLIVAN,
Budget Commissioner.

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Ordered, That pending a revision of the County Compensation and Classification Plans for the officers and employees of Suffolk County, a $300 increase to employees under said plan is hereby authorized, beginning June 30, 1948, and July 1, 1948, respectively, provided, however, that no increase shall be given to any employee under this order which will increase the present annual salary to more than $3,500.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

APPROPRIATION FROM WATER REVENUE.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, June 21, 1948.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I am in receipt of the attached communication from the Commissioner of Public Works for an additional appropriation of $155,700 from Water Revenue to allow the Water Division to make repairs, extend water mains, relay old and defective mains and perform necessary work in connection with the Water Division.

In compliance with this request there is forwarded herewith an order appropriating this sum from the revenue of the Water Division, and I recommend its passage by your Honorable Body.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Public Works Department,
June 4, 1948.

Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Mr. Mayor:

I respectfully request a transfer of $155,700 from Water Revenue to the Water Division budget of 1948, in order to provide sufficient funds to allow the Water Division to make repairs, extend water mains, relay old and defective mains and perform necessary work in connection with the Water Division, there being sufficient revenue to take care of these additional expenditures:

Item B-3, Advertising and Posting — Advertising for sale at public auction of land in Dedham — advertisements to appear in *City Record*, *Herald*, *Globe*, *Post* and *American*, $300.

Item B-39, General Repairs — Relaying water pipes in Brighton, West Roxbury, City Proper and Roxbury, and laying water pipes in City Proper and Dorchester, $35,000.

Item B-42, Miscellaneous Services — Anticipated replacement of streets and sidewalk openings made by the Water Division, $45,000.

Item C-13, Tools and Instruments — Purchase of new meters now obtainable. Approximately 20,000 services not metered because of inability to obtain new meters and parts, $40,000.

Item C-16, Wearing Apparel — For purchase of rubber boots required in Water Division repair work, $400.

Item E-5, Sewer and Water — Purchase of parts for meters to be repaired by Water Division employees — parts for 1½-inch, 2-inch, 3-inch, 4-inch and 6-inch meters, $10,000.

Item F-2, Damages — Court execution awarded to Ingham of Boston for damage caused by broken water main on Washington street, near Water street, $25,000.

Very respectfully,
ROBERT P. CURLEY,
Commissioner of Public Works.

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Ordered, That to meet the current expenses payable during the financial year beginning with the first day of January, 1948, an additional sum of $155,700 be, and the same hereby is, appropriated from the income of the Water Service of the Public Works Department for the following purposes:

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Water Division.

B. Contractual Services		$80,300
3. Advertising and posting,	$300	
39. General repairs	35,000	
42. Miscellaneous services	45,000	
C. Equipment		40,400
13. Tools and instruments	$40,000	
16. Wearing apparel	400	
E. Materials		10,000
5. Sewer and water	10,000	
F. Special Items		25,000
2. Damages	25,000	
		$155,700

Referred to Committee on Appropriations.

PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received and referred to the committees named, viz.:

Claims.

Peter V. Arno, to be reimbursed as result of accident which occurred while in performance of duty.

Mr. T. Bernard, for compensation for damage to property by defective sewer.

Brighton Beef Company, Inc., for refund on fee for slaughterer's license.

Jacob Cohen Beef Company, Inc., for refund on fee for slaughterer's license.

Matthew W. Cooney, to be reimbursed as result of accident which occurred while in performance of duty.

George DerMarderosian, for compensation for damage to property by car of Transit Department.

Walter Dirks, for compensation for damage to car by city truck.

John J. Egan, for compensation for damage to car by fire apparatus.

Sarah V. Ellgner, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in Clementine park.

Robert E. Forsyth, for compensation for damage to car by cart of Park Department.

Edward Francis, to be reimbursed as result of accident which occurred while in performance of duty.

Belle Greenberg, for compensation for injuries caused by fire truck.

S. Hurwitz Company, for refund on fee for slaughterer's license.

William J. Johnson, to be reimbursed as result of accident which occurred while in performance of duty.

Louis Lampert, for refund on fee for slaughterer's license.

Dr. James P. Lewis, for compensation for damage to car caused by an alleged defect at 30 Bennett street.

Alfred J. Martell, for compensation for damage to property at 22 Montgomery street, Boston, caused by snow removing tractor.

James J. McGrail, to be reimbursed as result of accident which occurred while in performance of duty.

Anna Michelin, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at 82 and 84 Lanark road.

John M. Neely, for compensation for damage to property at 2 Kensington park, caused by ash removal truck.

Americo B. Nuzzo, to be reimbursed as result of accident which occurred while in performance of duty.

L. C. Pazolt Company, for compensation for damage to truck by city truck.

Aaron Pinkney, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at A and Binford streets.

Carmelo Presigiovanni, for compensation for injuries caused by city car.

A. Shapiro Beef Company, for refund on fee for slaughterer's license.

Joseph Sidarowicz, for compensation for injuries caused by city car.

George Sudenfield, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in Cambridge street.

Walter H. Thornton, to be reimbursed for execution issued against him.

Frank N. Williams, for compensation for damage to coat caused by an alleged defect in Arch street.

Yakus Beef Company, for refund on fee for slaughterer's license.

Abraham Lurensky, for compensation for damage to car by fire apparatus.

Executive.

Petition of Ellen F. Duggan, to be paid annuity on account of death of husband, John W. Duggan, late member of Fire Department.

Petition of Etta Sullivan, to be paid annuity on account of death of husband, Thomas J. Sullivan, late member of Police Department.

PERMITS FOR CHILDREN.

Petitions for permits for children under fifteen years of age to appear at places of public amusement, viz.:

Rosalie Fuccillo, Mission Hill Housing Project, June 28.

Doris Sandridge Harris, Recital Hall, June 26.

Adam Palaga, East Boston High School, June 29.

Permits granted under usual conditions.

APPROVAL OF STATE BOARD OF HOUSING.

Notice was received from the State Board of Housing of approval of veterans' housing project on Arborway and Morton street, West Roxbury, consisting of 120 dwelling units at estimated cost of $1,508,446.

Notice was received from the State Board of Housing of approval of expenditure under architect's contract dated June 14, 1948, of Thomas F. McDonough, in amount not to exceed $45,938 for architectural services on veterans' housing project on Farragut road, South Boston.

Severally placed on file.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR.

Notice was received from the Mayor of the following appointments:

William H. Ellis, 479 Meridian street, East Boston, as member of Board of Appeal for term ending April 30, 1953.

Thomas F. McDonough, 28 Goodrich road, Jamaica Plain, as member of City Planning Board, *vice* William Stanley Parker, resigned, for term ending April 30, 1953.

Severally placed on file.

ORGANIZATION OF OVERSEERS OF PUBLIC WELFARE.

Notice was received from the Board of Overseers of Public Welfare of election of following officers to serve for ensuing year: Louis P. Leonard, Chairman, Miss Sophie M. Friedman, Vice Chairman, Edward H. Willey, Treasurer, William G. O'Hare, Secretary.

Placed on file.

APPROVAL OF CONSTABLES' BONDS.

The constables' bonds of the following, having been duly approved by the City Treasurer, were received and approved by the Council, viz.: Harry Abrevaya, George W. Pierce.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT RE STREET CLEANING.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Finance Commission, June 9, 1948.

To the Honorable the Mayor and City Council.
Gentlemen:

As is generally appreciated, the heavy accumulation of snow in Boston during the past winter has resulted in an unusually large quantity of work by the various agencies whose duty it is to keep the public ways clean and in repair. In some instances city officials have elected to let out portions of this work to private contractors. The cleaning of the streets is one of these instances.

The Finance Commission believes the method adopted for this work has been unduly costly. Moreover, in the method adopted there is plain indication that advantage was taken of the situation to increase unwarrantedly the volume of city work given to a group of favored contractors.

The Commission desires to recite the facts because they constitute an illustration of the poor management in administration which, in great measure, is responsible for excessive governmental costs in Boston. This particular case is an instance where apparently this desire to give city work to a favored group of contractors has cost the city at least $36,000 more than is justifiable.

The combined forces of the Street Cleaning Division and a labor force from the Paving Division have been regularly used in the past to perform the spring cleanup of Boston's streets. This year, because the Paving Division, allegedly, was preoccupied with the extraordinary program of post-winter pavement patching and therefore unavailable, the method of using service orders to a list of selected contractors to do the work was adopted.

On April 6, 1948, service orders were issued to each of 20 contractors found to have sufficient manpower and equipment at their disposal in the amount of $500 each for five 8-hour days of work, providing for the following: 1 truck at $2.50 per hour, 1 foreman at $2.50 per hour, and 4 laborers at $1.90 per hour (increased to $2.10 per hour on April 12, 1948, to conform to increased laborers' wage schedule).

A letter from the Public Works Commissioner to the Mayor on April 13, 1948, secured the latter's approval to forego advertising for proposals for this work. Subsequently, further service orders were issued to these contractors but the legal requirement that contracts amounting to $2,000 or over must be in writing was likewise sidestepped by keeping the total service orders to a given contractor below $2,000.

When the amount of money involved in these orders approached $2,000 limit in each case, several more letters went from the Public Works Commissioner to the Mayor for the purpose of securing permission, which was granted, to issue orders to another group of named contractors, 30 in number. These letters, by reference to the original letter from the Public Works Commissioner to the Mayor implied that the second group of 30 contractors had men and equipment available for the purpose.

The Commission's investigation disclosed that 15 of the second group were only "straws" for the original contractors. In some cases they were members of the organization of the first group of contractors, using the same foreman and equipment, and in large measure, the same labor force; in other cases, the same trucks and in part the same labor force used by the original contractor were used by the second. In brief, in the case of 15 of the original contractors, this second step, viz., the second group of alleged contractors, became a convenient device for by-passing the $2,000 limit and running up the amount to any desired figure within another $2,000 limit per contractor.

Conclusion.

The city could have effected substantial savings by hiring equipment and engaging temporary laborers while using city foremen for supervision. It is conservatively estimated that $36,000 might have been saved on the probable $100,000 expended on this work. This saving is based on the difference between the $2.10 per hour rate paid to laborers under these orders and a $1.50 per hour rate, at which price labor could be easily obtained by the city. The other source of saving would be the substitution of foremen in the city service for the foremen being paid at the rate of $2.50 per hour for supervisory work.

Respectfully submitted,
Joseph K. Collins, Chairman,
Alexander Wheeler,
Leo J. Dunn,
Frederick Deane,
Edward F. Mullen,
The Finance Commission.

Robert E. Cunniff,
Secretary.

Placed on file.

ACCEPTANCE OF CHAPTER 555.

Coun. HANNON offered the following:

Ordered, That chapter 555 of the Acts of 1948, entitled, "An Act Increasing the Compensation of the Members of the City Council of the City of Boston," be, and hereby is, accepted.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

Coun. WENZLER moved reconsideration of the foregoing vote. The motion to reconsider was lost, yeas 1, nays 18:

Yeas—Councilor Wenzler—1.

Nays—Councilors Ansel, Beades, Bryan, Cantwell, Carey, Cook, Hannon, Keenan, Kinsella, Lane, Lanigan, Linehan, McCormack, Ramsey, Shanley, Sullivan, Tracy, Yerxa—18.

ORDINANCE RE DEPUTY CITY AUDITOR.

Coun. RAMSEY offered the following:

City of Boston.

In the Year Nineteen Hundred and Forty-Eight.

An Ordinance Concerning the Deputy City Ordinance.

Be it ordained by the City Council as follows:

Chapter 3, section 5, of the Revised Ordinances of 1947, is hereby amended by inserting after the clause concerning the city auditor, the following clause:

The deputy city auditor–deputy auditor, sixty-two hundred dollars; deputy county auditor, three hundred dollars. Total, sixty-five hundred dollars.

Referred to Committee on Ordinances.

Later in the session, on motion of Councilor Sullivan, the ordinance was recalled from the Committee on Ordinances. On further motion of Councilor Sullivan the ordinance was adopted.

SUNDAY BAND CONCERTS AT FRANKLIN PARK.

Coun. ANSEL and COOK offered the following:

Ordered, That the Park Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to arrange for band concerts at Franklin Park on Sunday afternoons during the months of July and August.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

ELECTRIC LIGHT, STRANDWAY-COLUMBIA CIRCLE.

Coun. LINEHAN offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor request the Commissioner of Public Works to install an electric street light at the intersection of the Camp McKay by-pass road located in the vicinity of Columbia Circle with the South Boston Strandway.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

REMOVAL OF TREE, SOUTH BOSTON.

Coun. LINEHAN offered the following:

Whereas, The City of Boston has paid out several thousand dollars in damages as a result of injuries sustained by persons due to the negligent condition of the sidewalk in front of 621 East Sixth street, South Boston, said negligent condition being the result of a large tree trunk; and be it

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor request the Park Commission to remove the tree located on the sidewalk at No. 621 East Sixth street, South Boston, because of the existing danger to pedestrians and homes.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

ACCEPTANCE OF CHAPTER 602.

Coun. LANE offered the following:

Ordered, That chapter 602 of the Acts of 1948, entitled, "An Act Relative to the Payment of Pensions of the Teaching and Supervising Staff of the Public Schools of the City of Boston," be, and hereby is, accepted.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONFIRMATIONS.

Coun. ANSEL, for the Committee on Confirmations, submitted the following:

Report on appointment by the Mayor (referred June 7) of Reuben Bayley as Constable for term ending April 30, 1949, authorized to serve civil process on filing bond—recommending confirmation of appointment.

Report on appointment by the Mayor (referred June 7) of Francis J. Dewey as Weigher of Goods for term ending April 30, 1949—recommending confirmation of appointment.

The reports were accepted, and the question came on confirmation. Committee, Councilors Keenan and Kinsella. Whole number of ballots 14, yeas 14, and the appointments were confirmed.

RECESS.

On motion of Councilor Cook, the Council voted to take a recess at 2.21 p. m., subject to the call of the Chair. The members reassembled and were called to order by President HANNON at 2.40 p. m.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Coun. McCORMACK, for the Executive Committee, submitted the following:

1. Report on message of Mayor and ordinance (referred today) concerning salaries of first assistant assessors, deputy sealer of weights and measures and employees of the City Council—that same ought to pass.

The report was accepted, and the ordinance was passed.

2. Report on message of Mayor and order (referred today) authorizing $300 increase to county employees receiving less than $3,500—that same ought to pass.

The report was accepted, and the order was passed.

RESURFACING OF CERTAIN WARD 20 STREETS.

Coun. BRYAN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to immediately resurface with smooth pavement the following-named streets in Ward 20: Belgrade avenue, Hewlett street, Sheffield road.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

Coun. CAREY, for the Committee on Finance, submitted the following:

Report on message of Mayor and order (referred June 7) for loan of $2,715,000 for construction of buildings, original equipment and furnishings thereof, and for acquisition of such land as may be required for such purposes—that same ought to pass.

The report was accepted, and the question came on giving the loan order its first reading and passage. Councilor Yerxa moved that the total appropriation be reduced by $400,000. Councilor Cook moved that the matter be referred to the Executive Committee. The question came on reference to the Executive Committee, and the motion was lost. The question then came on Councilor Yerxa's amendment to cut by $400,000, and the motion was lost. The order was given its first reading and passage, yeas 18, nays 0:

Yeas—Councilors Ansel, Beades, Bryan, Carey, Cook, Hannon, Keenan, Kinsella, Lane, Lanigan, Linehan, McCormack, Ramsey, Shanley, Sullivan, Tracy, Wenzler, Yerxa—18.

Nays—0.

Assigned for fourteen days for final action.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CLAIMS.

Coun. LANIGAN, for the Committee on Claims submitted the following:

Report on petition of John F. R. Hughes and Donald A. MacMillan (referred March 22) to be reimbursed for amount of execution issued against them on account of their acts as members of Police Department—recommending passage of accompanying order:

Ordered, That the sum of two thousand dollars ($2,000) be allowed and paid to John F. R. Hughes and Donald A. MacMillan in reimbursement for amount of execution issued against them on account of their acts as members of the Boston Police Department, said sum to be charged to the Contingent Fund.

Report accepted; said order passed.

TRAFFIC LIGHTS, CENTRE AND LA GRANGE STREETS.

Coun. BRYAN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Traffic Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to proceed immediately with the installation of traffic lights at the junction of Centre and La Grange streets, Ward 20.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

NAMING OF PLAYGROUND FOR SERGT. JOSEPH M. BYRNE.

Coun. BEADES offered the following:

Ordered, That the Park Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to name the playground at 18 Everett street, Dorchester,

"Sergt. Joseph M. Byrne Playground," in honor of the only boy from that area who was killed in action in World War II, and that suitable signs be erected designating same.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

NAMING OF SQUARE FOR LIEUT. GEORGE C. DAVIS.

Coun. LINEHAN offered the following:

Ordered, That the space at the junction of Old Harbor and East Eighth streets, South Boston, be named "Lieut. George C. Davis Square," in honor of an Army Air Corps pilot who was killed in an airplane crash in World War II, and that suitable signs be erected designating same.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

THOMAS PARK IMPROVEMENTS.

Coun. WENZLER offered the following:

Ordered, That the Park Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to repair all benches and install a circular bench at convenient places at Thomas park, South Boston, Ward 7.

Coun. SULLIVAN moved reference to the Committee on Parks and Playgrounds, but the motion did not prevail. The question came on the passage of the order, and the order was rejected.

NAMING OF TORPIE STREET, WARD 10.

Coun. CAREY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to change the name of South Worthington street, Ward 10, to Torpie street, in honor of Corporal William J. Torpie of the Paratroop Infantry, who was killed in action during the invasion of Normandy in 1944.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

ADVISABILITY OF MAKING PART OF TREMONT STREET ONE WAY.

Coun. RAMSEY, LANIGAN and YERXA offered the following:

Ordered, That the Traffic Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to consider the advisability of making Tremont street a one-way thoroughfare, from Scollay square to Boylston street.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

Adjourned, on motion of Councilor Bryan, at 3.49 p. m., to meet on Monday, June 28, 1948, at 2 p. m.

Note: All debate of City Council eliminated from proceedings in accordance with Chapter 447, Acts of 1947.

(Stenographic copy of such debate on file in office of City Clerk.)

CITY OF BOSTON PRINTING DEPARTMENT

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of City Council.

Monday, June 28, 1948.

Regular meeting of the City Council held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 2 p. m., President HANNON in the chair, and all the members present.

The meeting was opened with the salute to the Flag.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR.

Subject to confirmation by the Council, the Mayor submitted the following appointments of constables authorized to serve civil process on filing of bond, for term ending April 30, 1949: Joseph Kenny Sinnott, 8 Carmody court, South Boston, Mass.; Edward George Hession, 34 Thetford avenue, Dorchester, Mass.; Abner Goldkrand, 48 Wenonah street, Roxbury, Mass.

Weighers of Goods, for term ending April 30, 1949: Martin H. Dunne, 5 Elton street, Dorchester, Mass.; Thomas Coughlin, 59 Winter street, Arlington, Mass.; William D. McVey, 504 East Eighth street, South Boston, Mass.; Miss Frances Jones, 372 East Eighth street, South Boston, Mass.; James Dowd, 56 G street, South Boston, Mass.; John D. Strong, 82 Village Hill road, Belmont, Mass.; John T. Kiley, 37 Parker street, Charlestown, Mass.

Weighers of Coal, for term ending April 30, 1949: John Farrar, 19 Cuba street, Watertown, Mass.; Michael Kopka, Jr., 15 Woodwise street, Salem, Mass.

Severally referred to the Committee on Confirmations.

PRUNING OF TREES INTERFERING WITH LIGHTING.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, June 22, 1948.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Park Department relative to your order of June 7, 1948, concerning the pruning of all trees which interfere with the proper lighting of any street in accordance with the provisions set up in the city ordinances.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Park Department, June 18, 1948.

Lawrence P. Gilligan,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Sir:

I desire to acknowledge your memorandum, with enclosure, City Council order requesting the Park Commission to prune all trees which interfere with the proper lighting of any street in accordance with the provisions set up in the city ordinances.

This year the street trees, due to the heavy and continuous rain, have an abundance of foliage which causes the branches to hang very low. I realize that there are certain places where the branches and foliage are down too low. The heavy foliage is also blocking the street lights to some degree.

We have about 50,000 trees on the streets of Boston. Of this number, about 20,000 will need pruning which will mean the expenditure of between $20,000 and $25,000. Since we lack the funds for this sizable job, I have issued instructions to have the department's forces try to do as much of this work as they can from time to time.

Very truly yours,
JOHN J. MURPHY, Chairman.

Placed on file.

SURVEY OF LAND AT SECOND AND H STREETS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, June 22, 1948.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Park Department relative to your order of June 7, 1948, concerning the advisability of making a survey of the land at the northeast corner of Second and H streets with a view to erecting a playground at that location.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Park Department, June 21, 1948.

Lawrence P. Gilligan,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Sir:

I desire to acknowledge your memorandum, with enclosure, Council order requesting the Park Commissioner to consider the advisability of making a survey of the land at the northeast corner of Second and H streets with a view to erecting a playground at that location.

This land contains two lots of which the total area is 35,833 square feet. It is owned by Felton & Son, Inc., and has an assessed valuation of $9,000. It is relatively level and would not cost too much to develop into a small children's playground. However, it would be necessary to do some grading and construct a black top surface to try to keep it clean and to play some of the games that warrant a smooth surface. It would have to be fenced in so as to keep the youngsters from running out in front of the passing vehicles. This location is on the edge of a district that is fairly well populated. There seems to be a large number of children in the neighborhood. On the water front on the north and northwest sides the development is more or less commercial.

At the present time there is nothing in the budget for the development of or the maintenance of an additional playground at this location.

Very truly yours,
JOHN J. MURPHY, Chairman.

Placed on file.

USE OF LAND AS PLAYGROUND, WARD 17.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, June 22, 1948.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Park Department relative to your order of June 7, 1948, concerning the advisability of using the land known as Mothers' Rest at Claybourne and Washington streets, Ward 17, as a playground for children of the neighborhood.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Park Department, June 21, 1948.

Lawrence P. Gilligan,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Sir:

I desire to acknowledge your memorandum, with enclosure, Council order requesting the Park Commission to study the advisability of using the land known as Mothers' Rest at Claybourne and Washington streets, Ward 17, as a playground for small children of the neighborhood.

This location is known as Corbet park. It is composed of three levels. The highest level is on Washington street. The lowest level is on Claybourne street. The area on Claybourne street is the only area that has possibilities for a small children's playground. It has such possibilities for swings, teeters and certain other playground equipment for small children. However, there is no playground house or toilet facilities at this area. The lack of toilet facilities at any play area could be a serious problem.

Very truly yours,
JOHN J. MURPHY, Chairman.

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LAND COSTS ON SOUTH BOSTON AND CATHEDRAL SITES.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, June 24, 1948.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Boston Housing Authority relative to your order of June 7, 1948, concerning land costs to be paid under chapter 372, Acts of 1946, or chapter 200, Acts of 1948, on the South Boston and Cathedral sites.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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Boston Housing Authority,
10 Post Office Square, Boston,
June 23, 1948.

Hon James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.

Subject: City Council Order of June 7, 1948, Concerning Land Costs to Be Paid Under Chapter 372, Acts of 1946, or Chapter 200, Acts of 1948, on the South Boston and Cathedral Sites.

Dear Mr. Mayor:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of June 10, 1948, with reference to the above Council order.

You are advised that the Authority has been endeavoring to work out an answer to this problem with the State Housing Board and will continue to do so.

Very truly yours,
FRANCIS X. LANE,
Executive Director for the Authority.

Placed on file.

PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received and referred to the committees named, viz.:

Claims.

Albert Abrams, for compensation for damage to car by fire truck.

Clemence L. Ballentine, for compensation for damage to car by city car.

Mrs. Lempie Bassett, for compensation for damage to property at 10 Leverett street, caused by defective water pipe.

Frank B. Bowman, for refund on slaughterer's license.

Robert E. Byrne, to be reimbursed as result of accident which occurred while in performance of duty.

Mrs. William Davis, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in Wolfe street, West Roxbury.

John J. Donovan, to be reimbursed for execution issued against him.

Irving Feldman, for compensation for damage to truck by sanitary truck.

James F. Foran, to be reimbursed for execution issued against him.

Josephine Hoffman, for compensation for damage to car by balls thrown from tennis court.

Keegan Truck Body Company, Inc., for compensation for damage to tools at 60 Prentiss street, Roxbury, by water.

Oscar K. Leaf, for compensation for damage to property at 35 Bateman street, caused by backing up of sewage.

John J. Lydon, to be reimbursed as result of execution issued against him.

Edward C. Merchant, to be reimbursed for execution issued against him.

Gertrude Miller, for refund on soft drinks license.

Peter F. Monaco, for compensation for damage to car caused by being sprayed with paint while driving through Sumner Tunnel.

Richard B. Mullen, to be reimbursed as result of accident which occurred while in performance of duty.

Paul E. Murphy, for refund on Sunday license.

Martin Navison, for rebate on fee as member of George Wright Golf Club.

Joseph L. Teehan, to be reimbursed as result of accident which occurred while in performance of duty.

Margaret Travis, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at 20 Chauncey street.

Jacob J. Tutun, for compensation for damage to car caused by an alleged defect in Commonwealth avenue.

Max Weinstein, for compensation for damage to property at 979–983 Harrison avenue, caused by lack of repair of catch-basin.

Executive.

Petition of Mary F. Kearney, to be paid annuity on account of death of husband, John P. Kearney, late member of Police Department.

MINORS' LICENSES.

Application for minors' licenses were received from 7 newsboys.

Licenses granted, under usual conditions.

APPROVAL OF CONSTABLE'S BOND.

The constable's bond of the following, having been duly approved by the City Treasurer, was received and approved by the Council, viz.: Reuben Bavley.

PREPARATION OF NAMES ON JURY LIST FOR BALLOT BOX.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Board of Election Commissioners,
June 25, 1948.

John B. Hynes, Esq.,
City Clerk.

Dear Sir:

The list of persons qualified to serve as jurors (Document 45, 1948) prepared by the Election Commissioners and filed with you as of this date, contains 9,491 names.

Very truly yours,
BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS,
EVERETT R. PROUT,
Commissioner and Secretary.

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City of Boston,
Office of City Clerk,
June 25, 1948.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

You are hereby notified that the list of inhabitants qualified to serve as jurors, prepared by the Election Commissioners and printed in City Document No. 45, was filed with me on June 25, 1948. It contains 9,491 names.

Respectfully,
JOHN B. HYNES,
City Clerk.

Placed on file.

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In connection with above communications, Coun. HANNON offered the following:

Ordered, That the City Clerk be hereby directed to cause the names of the Jury List (City Document No. 45) when transmitted to him by the Election Commissioners, to be written each on a separate ballot, and said ballots to be properly folded, and placed in the box provided for the purpose.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

ORGANIZATION OF CITY PLANNING BOARD.

Notice was received from the City Planning Board of election of following officers to serve for ensuing year:

Thomas F. McDonough, Chairman; Joseph A. Mitchell, Vice-Chairman.

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HEARING BEFORE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES.

Notice was received from the Department of Public Utilities of hearing to be held July 1, at 10.30 a. m., on petition of Metropolitan Transit Authority for use of portion of South Station Under.

Placed on file.

NOTICE OF LAND-TAKING ON DORCHESTER AVENUE.

Notice was received of land-taking by the Commonwealth on Dorchester avenue.
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FINANCE COMMISSION REPORT RE MUNICIPAL SURVEY, LIST OF EXPERTS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Finance Commission, June 13, 1948.

Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.
Honorable Sir:

The Finance Commission respectfully notifies you of its further selections of experts to make field studies of the municipal administration for the Finance Commission as authorized by chapter 261 of the Acts of 1948.

ASSESSING DEPARTMENT.

For the study of the Assessing Department, the Commission has chosen Cuthbert Reeves of Buffalo, New York. Mr. Reeves is well known throughout the country as an authority in this field. An engineer with experience in municipal and survey work, railroad construction and maintenance, he has been an administrative consultant for more than thirty years.

For a time, he served as Special Representative and later Chief Appraiser of Home Owners' Loan Corporation, supervising all appraisal work of that agency throughout the United States and its possessions. Later, he served as Appraisal Consultant for all agencies under direction of the Federal Home Loan Bank Board.

Mr. Reeves has made surveys of Assessing Practice and Valuations and equalization of assessments in the following municipalities: New York City (public utilities); Johnstown, Pa.; Erie, Pa.

Among his publications are:

The Appraisal of Urban Land and Buildings, 1928, Municipal Administration Service.

A Manual of Practice in Appraisal Real Estate, 1932, for State Tax Department of New Jersey.

Appraising Residential Property, 1934, primarily for mortgage financing.

Numerous contributions to technical periodicals.

He was awarded the Henry Simon Memorial Prize by National Tax Association, 1947, for paper on use of income data in assessing.

His special services have been:

For five years, Chairman of Appraisal Committee of New York State Association of Real Estate Boards.

Consultant to Special Committee of Buffalo Board for Civic Center appraisal.

Past Governor of American Institute of Real Estate Appraisers.

Consultant to Governor Roosevelt's Citizens Advisory Budget Committee, New York State.

Consultant to U. S. Treasury Department in U. S.; D. C. Fiscal Relations Study, 1936.

Consultant to Security Exchange Commission in several cases.

Lecturer at New York University assessor-appraiser course, 1938.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

For a study of the Health Department, the Commission has retained Dr. Carl Buck of the University of Michigan. Doctor Buck was formerly health officer of Louisville, Kentucky. He has made surveys more or less of a similar nature in many other cities and states. Recently he conducted for the American Public Health Association a special study of the Massachusetts Department of Public Health.

HOSPITAL AND INSTITUTIONS.

The Commission has decided to group the Long Island Hospital, the City Hospital, and the Tuberculosis Sanatorium into one study. Joseph M. Cunningham of New York City will survey the business system of these institutions. He is a Certified Public Accountant of New York State, a member of the American Institute of Accountants, and senior member of J. M. Cunningham Company, Specialists in the installation of Government and Institutional Systems.

Formerly, he was First Deputy Comptroller of New York City, 1938–1945; President of the Municipal Finance Officers' Association of the United States; Council Member of the American Society for Public Administration, and a member of the Board of Child Welfare, City of New York.

At present, he is Chairman of the Executive Committee of the National Committee on Municipal Accounting; Chairman of the Committee on Accounting of the Municipal Finance Officers' Association of the United States and Canada; member of the Committee on Governmental Accounting and Committee on Airline and Airport Accounting of New York State Society of Certified Public Accounting.

As First Deputy Comptroller of New York City, he revised the system of accounting and reporting of New York City. For this work he was awarded the gold medal from the Municipal Finance Officers' Association of the United States in 1941. He organized the Methods and Staff and installed numerous systems in New York City departments.

As senior member of J. M. Cunningham Company, he has made installations of a complete system of business management in 22 hospitals, including accounting, admitting, purchasing, storing and reporting.

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

For the study of the Police Department, arrangements have been made through the Institute of Public Administration for the services of Bruce Smith of New York. This organization is one of the best known in the field of research in, and study of, governmental administration, and Mr. Smith is its expert on the police function. He has served many of the municipalities of the country in similar capacity and is conceded to be at the top in this professional field. He is the author of a text book on Police Systems which is the accepted standard work on this subject. He also has contributed a large number of articles on his specialty to many national journals.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH K. COLLINS, Chairman,
ALEXANDER WHEELER,
LEO J. DUNN,
FREDERICK DEANE,
EDWARD F. MULLEN,
The Finance Commission.

ROBERT E. CUNNIFF,
Secretary.

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FINANCE COMMISSION REPORT RE BUILDING PROGRAM.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Finance Commission, June 23, 1948.

To the Honorable the Mayor and City Council.
Gentlemen:

The Finance Commission deems it necessary to repeat and to emphasize the protest made by the Commission to you and the City Council on May 13 in regard to your program of new building provided for in loan orders now before the City Council. The Commission is of the opinion that the adoption of these authorizing orders at the present time is distinctly not in the best interests of the city and the taxpayers. As a matter of fact, it is not in keeping with your announced purpose of cooperating with the Finance commission in the current administrative survey.

By chapter 261 of the Acts of 1948, which was signed by Governor Bradford on April 30, 1948, the Finance Commission is directed by the Legislature "forthwith to make an administrative survey, analysis and appraisal of the organization, policies, procedures, practices, staff requirements, expenditures and expenditure requirements of the government of the City of Boston and of each department, bureau, office, service, commission, committee, board and other agency whose expenditures are paid in whole or in part by the treasurer of the City of Boston, for the constructive purpose of revealing all possible opportunities for increasing the effectiveness and reducing the cost of such services as are paid for in whole or in part by said treasurer."

Obviously and to a great extent, the purpose of this act of the Legislature will be defeated by your

persistence in undertaking these expansions of the municipal plant at this time. The Commission has no hesitancy in saying even now that the result of the survey will be a blueprint of administration which will require less municipal plant than is now maintained. The future needs of the Fire Department, for instance, can be better visualized after the survey. Recognized experts in the field of fire prevention and fire department administration, and organization like the National Fire Prevention Association have gone on record in opposition to much in the present setup and practices on which this proposed expansion program is based.

The same may be said in regard to providing another welfare administration unit at this time. There is at least a serious question as to whether the present physical plant of the Welfare Department is unnecessarily expanded. A possible reult of the survey is a recommendation for reorganization and contraction of that department insofar as physical plant is concerned.

The Traffic Department has no need of any such expenditure as the $500,000 proposed for a new office building and garage. In the present state of the city's finances no more than a repair job is warranted.

The Long Island projects are another case in point. Obviously some additional provision will have to be made for hospitalizing chronic patients. The question may well be one of need for much greater provision than the 200-bed hospital contemplated by this order. If the survey discloses such need it will prove that the 200-bed project is not only inadequate to fill the need, but that money will have been wasted by construction of inadequate facilities. It will take nearly two years to make the proposed hospital ready for occupancy. In the light of possible inadequacy and money loss it would be only prudent to await the completion of the survey in this field.

Your own recent experience in determination of a suitable tax rate should be a warning to you and to members of the Council that the time has definitely come when you must reduce plant and plant maintenance, and reduce pay roll loads and bring about a less expensive coordination of municipal activities rather than pursue the course of scattered expansions of services, plant, and pay roll. The tax rate for 1938 is definitely confiscatory in view of the fact that valuations in Boston are relatively high.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH K. COLLINS, Chairman,
ALEXANDER WHEELER,
LEO J. DUNN,
FREDERICK DEANE,
EDWARD F. MULLEN,
The Finance Commission.

ROBERT E. CUNNIFF,
Secretary.

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APPRECIATION OF RESOLUTION BY REV. BERNARD J. McNULTY.

The following was received:

St. Andrew's Rectory,
North Billerica, Mass.
June 18, 1948.

The Boston City Council.
Honorable Gentlemen:

My sincerest thanks to you for your exceptional kind thought of me expressed in the resolution of your Council meeting, May 24.

Happy indeed were my years of service at the Boston Santorium. To receive your letter was but an added joy to store away in my memory of fond recollections.

Gratefully yours,
BERNARD J. McNULTY.

Placed on file.

NAMING OF TORPIE STREET, WARD 10.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, June 28, 1948.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Board of Street Commissioners relative to your order of June 21, 1948, requesting that the Board change the name of South Worthington street, Ward 10, to Torpie street, in honor of Corporal William J. Torpie.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Street Laying-Out Department,
June 25, 1948.

Lawrence P. Gilligan,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Sir:

Replying to your communication of June 23 advising of Council order of June 21, 1948, requesting the Board of Street Commissioners to change the name of South Worthington street, Ward 10, to Torpie street, in honor of Corporal William J. Torpie, I beg to advise that a public hearing has been held in the matter and an order of the Board will be forthcoming for approval by the Mayor within the next two weeks.

Very truly yours,
LAWRENCE W. COSTELLO, Secretary.

Placed on file.

SUNDAY BAND CONCERTS AT FRANKLIN PARK.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, June 28, 1948.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Park Commissioner relative to your order of June 21, 1948, concerning arrangement for band concerts at Franklin Park on Sunday afternoon during the months of July and August.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Park Department, June 25, 1948.

Lawrence P. Gilligan,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Sir:

I desire to acknowledge your memorandum, with enclosure, City Council order requesting the Park Commission to arrange for band concerts at Franklin Park on Sunday afternoons during the months of July and August.

Last summer at four locations, one of which was Franklin Park, a series of band concerts was held on eight Sundays during July and August. The city paid one half of the cost of the concerts, and the other half was paid for by the Musicians' Union. The money expended was not in the Park Department budget but was paid out of the Contingent Fund. There is no money in this year's budget of this department for band concerts. Last year the concerts at the various locations were fairly well attended.

If the same arrangements could be made as last year, and the money provided from some fund, in my opinion the suggestion warrants consideration.

Very truly yours,
JOHN J. MURPHY, Chairman.

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LOAN OF $1,600,000 FOR CONSTRUCTION OF BUILDINGS.

On motion of Councilor Sullivan the Council voted to take up under unfinished business, No. 1 on the calendar, viz.:

1. Order for loan of $1,600,000 for construction of buildings, original equipment and furnishings thereof, etc.

On June 11, 1948, the said order was read once and passed, yeas 19, nays 0.

The question came on giving the order its second and final reading. The order was given a second reading, and passage, yeas 21, nays 0:

Yeas—Councilors Ansel, Beades, Bryan, Cantwell, Carey, Chase, Coffey, Cook, Hannon, Hurley, Keenan, Lane, Lanigan, Linehan, McCormack, Ramsey, Shanley, Sullivan, Tracy, Wenzler, Yerxa.

Nays—0.

THE NEXT MEETING.

On motion of Councilor Sullivan, the Council voted that when it adjourn it be to meet on Tuesday, July 6, 1948, at 11 a. m.

ACCEPTANCE OF CHAPTER 588.

Coun. HANNON offered the following:
Ordered, That chapter 588 of the Acts of 1948, entitled, "An Act Authorizing Increases of the Amounts of Pensions Payable to Certain Former Public Employees Who Have Been Retired and to Beneficiaries of Certain Retired Public Employees," be, and hereby is, accepted.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

ACCEPTANCE OF CHAPTER 578.

Coun. HANNON offered the following:
Ordered, That chapter 578 of the Acts of 1948, entitled, "An Act Relative to the Term of Office of the Supervisor of Veterans' Graves and Registration of the City of Boston," be, and hereby is, accepted.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS.

Coun. BRYAN, for Committee on Appropriations, submitted the following:
1. Report on message of Mayor and order (referred June 21) for transfer of $155,700 from Water Revenue to Water Division budget of 1948, for repairs, extension of water mains, and other work—that same ought to pass.
The report was accepted and the order was passed, yeas 18, nays 0:
Yeas—Councilors Ansel, Beades, Bryan, Cantwell, Coffey, Hannon, Hurley, Keenan, Kinsella, Lane, Lanigan, Linehan, McCormack, Ramsey, Shanley, Sullivan, Wenzler, Yerxa—18.
Nays—0.
2. Report on message of Mayor and order (referred June 21) for appropriation of $9,526 in special account, Installation of Federal Surplus Commodity Stamp Plan, to Public Welfare Department—that same ought to pass.
The report was accepted and the order was passed, yeas 19, nays 0.
Yeas—Councilors Ansel, Beades, Bryan, Cantwell, Coffey, Cook, Hannon, Hurley, Keenan, Kinsella, Lane, Lanigan, Linehan, McCormack, Ramsey, Shanley, Sullivan, Wenzler, Yerxa—19.
Nays—0.

ACCEPTANCE OF CERTAIN STREETS, WARD 18.

Coun. CANTWELL offered the following:
Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out Baldwin street, Ward 18, as a public highway.

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Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out Whitney park, Ward 18, as a public way.

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Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out Mulvey street, Ward 18, as a public highway.
Severally passed under suspension of the rule.

ADVISABILITY OF MAKING WASHINGTON COURT A PUBLIC WAY.

Coun. BEADES offered the following:
Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to immediately take steps to make Washington court a public way in order that construction might start in the near future.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

ADVISABILITY OF MAKING PRIVATE WAY AT 46½ CHICKATAWBUT STREET A PUBLIC WAY.

Coun. BEADES offered the following:
Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to immediately take steps to make the private way at 46½ Chickatawbut street a public way and to designate a suitable name for this new street.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE RE AUTOMATIC AMUSEMENT DEVICES.

Coun. BEADES offered the following:

City of Boston.

In the Year Nineteen Hundred and Forty-Eight.

An Ordinance Concerning Automatic Amusement Devices.

Be it ordained by the City Council of Boston, as follows:
Chapter forty of the Revised Ordinances of 1947, as amended by chapter one of the Ordinances of 1948, is hereby further amended in Section 101A, paragraph (6), by adding the following thereto: —provided, however, that minors may operate juke boxes, music boxes, or phonographs—, so that said paragraph shall read as follows:
(6) No person keeping or offering for operation or allowing to be kept or offered for operation any automatic amusement device licensed under this section shall permit a minor to operate the same; nor shall he used or permit the same to be used for the purpose of gambling; provided, however, that minors may operate juke boxes, music boxes, or phonographs.
Referred to Committee on Ordinances.

IMPROVEMENTS TO CONVENIENCE STATION, MARINE PARK.

Coun. WENZLER offered the following:
Ordered, That the Park Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to install adequate lights and other necessities to keep the convenience station at Marine Park in good condition.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

DISPLAY OF FLAG ON POLE, MARINE PARK.

Coun. WENZLER offered the following:
Ordered, That the Park Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to have a flag placed on the pole now located at Marine Park, City Point.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

NAMING OF JUNCTION FOR STAFF SERGT. THOMAS C. KEEFE.

Coun. SHANLEY offered the following:
Ordered, That the space at the junction of Parsons and Faneuil streets, Ward 22, be designated as the Thomas C. Keefe Square, in honor of Staff Sergt. Thomas C. Keefe who gave his life in the service of his country in World War II.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

NON-DISCRIMINATORY CLAUSE IN BOSTON HOUSING AUTHORITY CONTRACTS.

Coun. ANSEL and COOK offered the following:
Ordered, That the Boston Housing Authority, through his Honor the Mayor, be, and hereby is, requested to include in its applications for contracts with the State Housing Board the following provisions:
"The Boston Housing Authority covenants and agrees that there shall be no discrimination or segregation, because of race, color, creed, religion or national origin, in the selection of tenants, the fixing of rentals, and in the maintenance and operation of the project, or otherwise."
Referred to the Committee on Public Housing.

REMOVAL OF CERTAIN TREES, WARD 14.

Coun. ANSEL offered the following:
Ordered, That the Board of Park Commissioners be requested through his Honor the Mayor, to remove the trees on the sidewalk outside of the Audubon School on Harvard street and continuing to Johnston road, Ward 14, because of the fact that the trees are obstructing the sidewalks and compel the children to use the heavy traveled streets going to and from school and has consequently resulted in several serious accidents.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

"STOP" SIGN AT ASHTON AND ARBUTUS STREETS.

Coun. ANSEL offered the following:
Ordered, That the Traffic Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to erect a "stop" sign at the corner of Ashton and Arbutus streets, Ward 14.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

NAMING OF STREET IN MEMORY OF JAMES T. KING.

Coun. HURLEY offered the following:
Ordered, That the Committee for the naming of streets, squares, and playgrounds be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to name the intersection of Eustis street and Dearborn street, Ward 8, Roxbury, in memory of James T. King, a member of the U. S. Navy who lost his life in World War II while in the defense of his country.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONFIRMATIONS.

Coun. ANSEL, for the Committee on Confirmations, submitted the following:
Report on appointment by the Mayor (referred June 21) of Patrick Gillen as constable for term ending April 30, 1949, not authorized to serve civil process, and to serve without bond—recommending confirmation of appointment.
The report was accepted, and the question came on confirmation. Committee, Councilors Sullivan and Bryan. Whole number of ballots 14; yeas 14, and the appointment was confirmed.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CLAIMS.

Coun. LANIGAN, for the Committee on Claims, submitted the following:
Report on petition of Arthur D. Brownell (referred June 7,) to be reimbursed for amount of execution issued against him on account of his acts as operator of motor apparatus belonging to the Fire Department—recommending passage of the accompanying order.
Ordered, That the sum of six hundred dollars ($600) be allowed and paid to Arthur D. Brownell in reimbursement for amount of execution issued against him on account of his acts as operator of motor apparatus belonging to the Fire Department, said sum to be charged to the Contingent Fund.

2. Report on petition of John T. Foynes (referred June 7) to be reimbursed for amount of execution issued against him on account of his acts as operator of a motor truck belonging to the Police Department—recommending passage of the accompanying order.
Ordered, That the sum of thirty-nine dollars and thirty-two cents ($39.32) be allowed and paid to John T. Foynes in reimbursement for amount of execution issued against him on account of his acts as operator of a motor truck belonging to the Police Department, said sum to be charged to the Contingent Fund.
3. Report on petition of Joel Shapiro (referred June 7) to be reimbursed for amount of execution issued against him on account of his acts as operator of a snow loader belonging to the Paving Division, Public Works Department—recommending passage of the accompanying order.
Ordered, That the sum of fifty-five dollars ($55) be allowed and paid to Joel Shapiro in reimbursement for amount of execution issued against him on account of his acts as operator of a snow loader belonging to the Paving Division, Public Works Department—said sum to be charged to the Contingent Fund.
Reports accepted; said orders severally passed.

TRACKLESS TROLLEY SYSTEM ON CERTAIN LINES.

Coun. TRACY offered the following:
Ordered, That the Metropolitan Transit Authority be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to install a trackless trolley system on the Egleston-Dudley and Egleston-Arborway lines.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

PLAYGROUND INSTRUCTOR, FRANKLIN PARK PLAYSTEAD.

Coun. TRACY offered the following:
Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to instruct the chairman of the Park Commission to establish the position of playground instructor at the Franklin Park playstead.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

REMOVAL OF BROKEN GLASS, ETC., FROM SOUTH BOSTON BEACHES.

Coun. LINEHAN offered the following:
Ordered, That the Park Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to immediately order the removal of broken glass from the beaches of South Boston and place additional rubbish containers along the several beaches.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

Adjourned, on motion of Councilor Keenan, at 3.27 p. m., to meet on Tuesday, July 6, 1948, at 11 a. m.

Note: All debate of City Council eliminated from proceedings in accordance with Chapter 447, Acts of 1947.

(Stenographic copy of such debate on file in office of City Clerk.)

CITY OF BOSTON PRINTING DEPARTMENT

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of City Council.

Tuesday, July 6, 1948.

Regular meeting of the City Council, held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 2 p. m., President HANNON in the chair. Absent, Councilors Chase, Coffey and Linehan.

The meeting was opened with the salute to the Flag.

VETO OF ORDER ACCEPTING CHAPTER 588, ACTS OF 1948.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, June 30, 1948.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I return herewith, without my signature and disapproved, the order of your Honorable Body accepting chapter 588 of the Acts of 1948. This act provides for an increase of $200 in the pension or retirement allowance of retired employees whose pension or allowance is less than $1,500 a year.

In 1946, under chapter 559, the city increased the pensions and allowances of those receiving less than $720 a year by 20 per cent at approximately a cost of $65,000 a year, and this year, under chapter 301, those receiving less than $900 a year have been increased $120 at an estimated cost of $120,000. Over 1,000 retired employees were benefited, the annual cost being $185,000.

These two increases were established by me in view of the evident fact that practically all of the amount of those pensions in the low brackets is required to meet the basic cost of food, lodging and clothing, and that basic level should be raised to meet the present cost of living.

The act, chapter 588, now before me, entails a further increase of $200 a year to those brackets between $900 and $1,500 a year. The additional annual cost of those proposed increases would be $327,000 a year.

It may well be argued that those receiving an annual pension of more than $900 a year are also hard hit by the high cost of living. While I realize that pensioners in the higher brackets have their problems there must be a limit to the city's bounty, and it is my opinion that adding an annual increase in pensions of $327,000 a year over the $185,000 already incurred, making a total of over half a million dollars, exceeds that limit.

Accordingly I am impelled to veto the order.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Placed on file.

NAMING OF INTERSECTIONS FOR WAR VETERANS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, July 2, 1948.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I submit herewith ten orders for the naming of various intersections in the city in honor of veterans of World War II killed in action.

The Committee to Memorialize Veterans, appointed by me in 1946, after due consideration, has recommended the naming of the various sites as set forth in the accompanying orders.

In view of the fact that each site is to be named in memory of a veteran who sacrificed his or her life on the altar of liberty, I recommend that your Honorable Body give approval to the accompanying orders.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Ordered, That the space at the junction of Chestnut and Centre streets, Ward 10, be named Peter R. Mutascio Square, in honor of Peter R. Mutascio, late veteran of World War II.

Ordered, That the space at the junction of Dale, Oakland and Washington streets, Wards 9 and 11, be named John J. McCusker Square, in honor of John J. McCusker, late veteran of World War II.

Ordered, That the space at the junction of School street and Walnut avenue, Ward 11, be named Guy J. DeStefano Square, in honor of Guy J. DeStefano, late veteran of World War II.

Ordered, That the space at the junction of La Grange and Shaw streets, Ward 20, be named William J. Maguire Square, in honor of William J. Maguire, late veteran of World War II.

Ordered, That the space at the junction of Centre and Corey streets, Ward 20, be named James E. Flanagan Square, in honor of James E. Flanagan, late veteran of World War II.

Ordered, That the space at the junction of Manthorne road and Weld street, Ward 20, be named William W. Druwing Square, in honor of William W. Druwing, late veteran of World War II.

Ordered, That the space at the junction of Brookside avenue and Minton street, Ward 11, be named Charles H. Arnott Square, in honor of Charles H. Arnott, late veteran of World War II.

Ordered, That the space at the junction of Chelsea and Putnam streets, Ward 1, be named E. Milton Adelman Square, in honor of E. Milton Adelman, late veteran of World War II.

Ordered, That the space at the junction of Faneuil and Parsons streets, Ward 22, be named Thomas C. Keefe Square, in honor of Thomas C. Keefe, late veteran of World War II.

Ordered, That the space at the junction of Dearborn and Eustis streets, Ward 3, be named James T. King Square, in honor of James T. King, late veteran of World War II.

Severally referred to the Executive Committee.

APPOINTMENT OF FRANK J. PEDONTI AS SUPERVISOR OF VETERANS' GRAVES REGISTRATION.

Notice was received from the Mayor of the appointment of Frank J. Pedonti as Supervisor of Veterans' Graves Registration for the City of Boston, for the term ending June 30, 1951.

Placed on file.

APPROVAL OF STATE BOARD OF HOUSING.

Notice was received from the State Board of Housing of approval of veterans' housing

project at Sumner, Willis and Bakersfield streets, consisting of 39 dwelling units, at an estimated cost of $463,247.
Placed on file.

NOTICE OF LAYING OUT OF NEW STATE HIGHWAY.

Notice was received from State Public Works Department of laying out of new state highway in East Boston.
Placed on file.

NOTICE OF INTEREST IN CONTRACT.

Notice was received from Merton P. Ellis, member of Board of Appeal, of interest in contract to repair West End Branch Library.
Placed on file.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONFIRMATIONS.

Coun. ANSEL, for the Committee on Confirmations, submitted the following:
1. Report on appointments by the Mayor (referred June 28) of Weighers of Goods, for term ending April 30, 1949: Thomas Coughlin, Martin H. Dunne, William D. McVey, Francis Jones, James Dowd, John D. Strong, John T. Kiley—recommending confirmation of appointments.
2. Report on appointments by the Mayor (referred June 28) of Weighers of Coal, for term ending April 30, 1949: Michael Kopka, Jr., and John Farrar—recommending confirmation of appointments.
3. Report on appointments by the Mayor (referred June 28) of Constables, for term ending April 30, 1949, authorized to serve civil process upon filing of bond: Abner Goldkrand, Edward George Hession, Joseph Kenny Sinnott—recommending confirmation of appointments.
The reports were accepted, and the question came on confirmation. Committee, Councilors Kinsella and Bryan. Whole number of ballots 12; yeas 12, and the appointments were confirmed.

PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received and referred to the committee named, viz.:

Claims.

John D. Bercury, for compensation for damage to property at 156 Lake street, Brighton, caused by overflow from Chandler's Pond.
Katherine G. Byrne, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at Tremont and Stuart streets.
Joseph Civatarese & Co., for compensation for damages incurred in performing contract for sewerage work in West Roxbury.
Dominica F. Collins, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in Warren Avenue Bridge.
S. Hurwitz Company, for refund on slaughterer's license.
Marion C. Lewis, for compensation for damage to car by car of Park Commission.
Ronnie Togs, Inc., for compensation for damage to car by snowplow.
Fannie Shopnik, for compensation for damage to car by city truck.
Ellen Sweeney, for compensation for collapse of water boiler at 44 Pontiac street, caused by water being turned off.

MOSQUITO CONTROL.

Coun. BEADES offered the following:
Ordered, That the Health Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to investigate immediately the possibility of adopting a mosquito control program in the City of Boston for the purpose of protecting and safeguarding the health of the citizens of Boston.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

IMPROVEMENTS TO PLAYGROUNDS IN DORCHESTER.

Coun. BEADES offered the following:
Ordered, That the Park Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to take immediate steps to have the grass cut at Dorchester Town Field, Garvey Playground and Dorchester Park; and be it further
Ordered, That the Park Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to put the tennis courts located at Dorchester Park, Mary Hemenway Playground and Garvey Playground in condition immediately so that they may be made available for tennis players for the remainder of the season.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

FENCING NEW YORK, NEW HAVEN & HARTFORD RAILROAD PROPERTY ALONG RESIDENTIAL AREAS.

Coun. CANTWELL offered the following:
Ordered, That the officials of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad Company be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to erect a wire fence along the tracks in all residential areas.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

VACATIONS TO ALL CHILDREN GIVEN BY SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Coun. WENZLER offered the following:
Ordered, That the Boston School Committee be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to establish adequate facilities to give vacations to all children in the City of Boston.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

RECESS.

The Chair declared a recess, subject to call of the Chair, at 11.34 a. m., pending the receipt of venires for jurors. The members reassembled and were called to order by the Chair at 11.53 a. m.

Coun. HURLEY in the chair.

JURORS DRAWN.

Jurors were drawn, Councilor Wenzler presiding at the ballot box, in the absence of the Mayor, as follows:

Nine grand jurors, Superior Criminal Court, to appear July 7, 1948:

Arthur R. Mullen, Ward 1; Alfred Tramonte, Ward 3; John J. Leahey, Ward 4; Edward J. Sexton, Ward 6; Aaron C. Keith, Ward 15; James S. Miller, Ward 15; Richard J. Drew, Ward 16; William T. Wishart, Ward 18; Joseph Sallet, Ward 21.

Forty-nine travers jurors, Superior Criminal Court, to appear August 2, 1948:

Antonio Petrozelli, Ward 1; Salvatore Simonelli, Ward 1; Clement G. Doherty, Ward 2; Leo F. McKendry, Ward 2; Francis E. Murphy, Ward 2; Amato Lepore, Ward 3; Harold S. Mason, Ward 3; William J. Miller, Ward 3; John Parker, Ward 3; Neal R. Cook, Ward 4; John M. Kelsey, Ward 4; Michael Bobrick, Ward 5; Gilbert E. Fuller, Ward 5; Henry MacCarthy, Ward 5; Clarence H. Wells, Ward 5; John E. Johnson, Ward 6; Joseph M. Kleinot, Ward 6; William Laubenstein, Ward 7; Albert W. Saunders, Ward 7; Joseph

S. Seibeck, Ward 7; Edmund J. Burke, Ward 9; Gerard L. Jelloe, Ward 10; William Finkelstein, Ward 12; William J. Whalen, Ward 13; Alfred Schreft, Ward 14; James E. Dooling, Ward 15; Charles Kurker, Ward 15; Gerald Mullins, Ward 15; Angus J. McGillivray, Ward 16; Ernest W. George, Ward 17; James M. Moriarty, Ward 17; Peter Syrios, Ward 17; Lawrence J. Campbell, Ward 18; Domenico Galante, Ward 18; Oscar A. Gustafson, Ward 18; William J. Mehegan, Ward 18; Harry J. Scherber, Ward 18; John J. Skane, Ward 18; Olof S. Marcus, Ward 20; Joseph R. Skinner, Ward 20; Richard T. Wieher, Ward 20; William C. Anglin, Ward 21; Lawrence Hannon, Ward 21; Stuart Pierce, Jr., Ward 21; Andrew J. Tracey, Ward 21; John G. Tyler, Ward 21; Willard J. Lehman, Ward 22; William J. Murray, Ward 22; James R. Watt, Ward 22.

President HANNON in the chair.

APPROPRIATIONS FOR PUBLIC WELFARE DEPARTMENT.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, July 6, 1948.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

Under the provisions of chapter 65 of the Acts of 1941 any balance remaining in the fund originally established in connection with the operation of the Federal Surplus Commodity Stamp Plan may, when the plan is no longer operative, be appropriated for any Public Welfare purpose. At the present time a balance of $769 is available in the fund, and since the operation of the plan has been discontinued by the Federal Government, it is proposed, with the approval of your Honorable Body, to appropriate this balance as requested by the Board of Overseers of the Public Welfare for the following purposes:

PUBLIC WELFARE DEPARTMENT.
Central Office.

C.	Equipment		$150 00
	3. Electrical	$150 00	
D.	Supplies		344 00
	16. Miscellaneous Supplies	344 00	
E.	Materials		75 00
	13. Miscellaneous Materials	75 00	
			$569 00

Temporary Home.

D.	Supplies		$200 00
	5. Medical, Surgical, Laboratory	$200 00	

I submit herewith an appropriation order, and respectfully recommend its adoption by your Honorable Body.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Ordered, That in accordance with the provisions of chapter 65 of the Acts of 1941, the sum of $769, the balance remaining in the Special Account, Installation of Federal Surplus Commodity Stamp Plan be, and the same hereby is, appropriated for the following purposes:

PUBLIC WELFARE DEPARTMENT.
Central Office.

C.	Equipment		$150 00
	3. Electrical	$150 00	
D.	Supplies		344 00
	16. Miscellaneous Supplies	344 00	
E.	Materials		75 00
	13. Miscellaneous Materials	75 00	
			$569 00

Temporary Home.

D.	Supplies		$200 00
	5. Medical, Surgical, Laboratory	$200 00	

Referred to the Executive Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ORDINANCES.

Coun. HURLEY, for the Committee on Ordinances, submitted the following:

1. Report on order (referred December 22, 1947) concerning housing and acceptance of chapter 592 of Acts of 1946, section 2, and chapters 427, 568 and 609 of the Acts of 1947—recommending order ought to pass.

Report was accepted and the order was passed.

2. Report on message of Mayor and ordinance (referred May 3) concerning deposit of city funds in New York City—recommending ordinance ought to pass.

Report was accepted and the ordinance was adopted.

3. Report on ordinance (referred June 28) concerning amusement devices—recommending ordinance ought to pass.

Report was accepted and the ordinance was adopted.

4. Report on ordinance (referred February 2) concerning removal of ice and snow from sidewalks—recommending ordinance ought to pass.

Report was accepted and the ordinance was adopted.

Coun. COOK moved reconsideration, and reconsideration having prevailed, Councilor Cook moved the ordinance be referred to the Executive Committee. The motion was carried and the ordinance was referred to the Executive Committee.

5. Report on order (referred February 2) concerning licensing of machines in launderettes—recommending order ought not to pass.

Report was accepted and the order was rejected.

6. Report on order (referred March 8) concerning health regulations governing certain food concessions—recommending order be placed on file.

Report accepted and the order was placed on file.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC LANDS.

Coun. TRACY, for the Committee on Public Lands, submitted the following:

Report on message of Mayor and order (referred June 21) concerning sale of Old Cabot Street Firehouse to the Carter Post, A. L.—that same ought to pass.

The report was accepted, and the order was given its first reading and passage, yeas 19, nays 0:

Yeas—Councilors Ansel, Beades, Bryan, Cantwell, Carey, Cook, Hannon, Hurley, Keenan, Kinsella, Lane, Lanigan, McCormack, Ramsey, Shanley, Sullivan, Tracy, Wenzler, Yerxa—19.

Nays—0.

Assigned for fourteen days for final action.

LOAN ORDER FOR CONSTRUCTION OF BUILDINGS.

On motion of Councilor Sullivan, the Council called up, under unfinished business, No. 1 on the calendar, viz.:

1. Order for loan of $2,715,000 for construction of buildings, original equipment and furnishings thereof, etc.

On June 21, 1948, the said order was read once and passed, yeas 18, nays 0.

The question came on giving the loan order its second reading and passage. The order was rejected (15 votes being required for passage), yeas 13, nays 0:

Yeas—Councilors Ansel, Carey, Hannon, Hurley, Keenan, Kinsella, Lane, Lanigan, Ramsey, Shanley, Sullivan, Tracy, Wenzler—13.

Nays—0.

Voting Present—Councilors Bryan, Cantwell, Cook, McCormack, Yerxa—5.

On motion of Councilor Hurley the foregoing vote was reconsidered.

On motion of Councilor Hurley the order was laid on the table.

ACCEPTANCE OF CHAPTER 542 OF GENERAL LAWS OF 1948.

Coun. LANIGAN offered the following:

Ordered, That chapter 542 of the General Laws of 1948, an act providing for Maintenance by the Youth Service Board for a limited time of a place or places of custody in the City of Boston, be, and hereby is, accepted.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

THE NEXT MEETING.

On motion of Councilor Sullivan, the Council voted that when it adjourn it be to meet on Monday, July 19, at 2 p. m.

WAIT STREET AS A PUBLIC WAY.

Coun. CAREY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to lay out and accept as a public way Wait street, between Parker Hill avenue and Iroquois street, Ward 10, Roxbury.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

CONSTRUCTION OF LICENSE FOR AMUSEMENT DEVICES.

President HANNON offered the following:

City of Boston.

In the Year Nineteen Hundred and Forty-Eight.

An Ordinance Relative to the Construction of Licenses for Automatic Amusement Devices and Concerning the Operation of Such Devices by Persons Over Sixteen but Under Twenty-One.

Be it ordained by the City Council of Boston, as follows:

Section 101A of chapter 40 of the Revised Ordinances of 1947, as inserted by chapter 1, and amended by chapter 2, of the Ordinances of 1948, is hereby further amended by striking out paragraph (6) and inserting in place thereof the following paragraph:

(6) No person keeping or offering for operation or allowing to be kept or offered for operation any automatic amusement device licensed under this section shall permit a person under seventeen to operate the same; nor shall he use, or permit the same to be used, for the purpose of gambling; and nothing in any license granted under this section shall be construed to license, authorize or permit any automatic amusement device which is illegal or unlawful for any reason apart from this section.

Referred to Committee on Ordinances.

On motion of Councilor Cook, the Council voted to adjourn at 12.25 p. m., to meet on Monday, July 19, 1948, at 2 p. m.

Note: All debate of City Council eliminated from proceedings in accordance with Chapter 447, Acts of 1947.

(Stenographic copy of such debate on file in office of City Clerk.)

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Proceedings of City Council.

SPECIAL MEETING.

Thursday, July 8, 1948.

Special meeting of the City Council held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 12 o'clock noon, President HANNON in the chair, and all the members present.

The meeting was opened with the salute to the Flag.

CALL FOR MEETING.

The Clerk read the call for the meeting as follows:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, July 6, 1948.

John B. Hynes,
City Clerk.

Dear Sir:

A special meeting of the City Council is hereby called, to be held in the City Council Chamber, City Hall, Boston, Mass., on Thursday, July 8, 1948, at twelve o'clock noon, for the purpose only of taking action on pending loan order for $2,715,000, for construction of buildings, etc.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Placed on file.

LOAN FOR CONSTRUCTION OF BUILDINGS, ETC.

On motion of Councilor Kinsella the order for loan of $2,715,000 for construction of buildings, etc., was taken from the table.

On June 21, 1948, the said order was read once and passed, yeas 18, nays 0. The order was read a second time and passed, yeas 19, nays 1:

Yeas—Councilors Ansel, Beades, Cantwell, Carey, Coffey, Cook, Hannon, Hurley, Keenan, Kinsella, Lane, Lanigan, Linehan, McCormack, Ramsey, Shanley, Sullivan, Tracy, Wenzler—19.

Nays—Councilor Chase—1.

Voting Present—Councilors Bryan, Yerxa—2.

LUNCHEON AT PARKER HOUSE.

The President announced that arrangements had been made for luncheon at the Parker House and that all present were invited.

The purpose for which the meeting was called having been accomplished, President HANNON declared the meeting adjourned at 12.45 p. m.

Note: All debate of City Council eliminated from proceedings in accordance with Chapter 447, Acts of 1947.

(Stenographic copy of such debate on file in office of City Clerk.)

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of City Council.

Monday, July 19, 1948.

Regular meeting of the City Council, held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 2 p. m., President HANNON in the chair. Absent, Councilors Carey and Yerxa.

The meeting was opened with the salute to the Flag.

VETO OF ORDINANCE RE DEPUTY CITY AUDITOR.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, July 6, 1948.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I am returning herewith, disapproved, the proposed ordinance concerning the Deputy City Auditor passed by your Honorable Body on June 21, 1948.

My objections thereto are that, even if I affixed my signature to the proposed ordinance, it could not as a matter of law be effective because in the opinion of the Corporation Counsel the passage of the proposed ordinance was beyond the powers of your Honorable Body. A copy of the Corporation Counsel's communication to me regarding the matter is enclosed.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Law Department, July 6, 1948.

Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.
Dear Mr. Mayor:

You have transmitted to me for consideration a proposed ordinance passed by the City Council on June 21, 1948, by which the annual salary of the Deputy Auditor would be fixed at $6,500, of which $6,200 would be for his services as Deputy City Auditor and $300 for his services as Deputy County Auditor.

By St. 1885, c. 266, s. 6, the executive powers of the city are vested "in the mayor, to be exercised through the several officers and boards of the city in their respective departments, under his general supervision and control. Such officers and boards shall, in their respective departments, make all necessary contracts for the employment of labor, the supply of materials, and the construction, alteration, and repair of all public works and buildings, and have the entire care, custody, and management of all public works, institutions, buildings and other property, and the direction and control of all the executive and administrative business of said city." With an exception not presently pertinent, St. 1909, c. 486, s. 5, as most recently amended by St. 1936, c. 152, s. 1, provides that "the organization, powers and duties of the executive departments of the city shall remain as constituted at the time when this section takes effect; but the mayor and city council at any time may by ordinance reorganize, consolidate or abolish, in whole or in part, departments whether created on or before or subsequent to the first Monday of February in the year nineteen hundred and ten, including the transit department; transfer the duties, powers and appropriations of one department to another in whole or in part; and establish new departments; and may increase, reduce, establish or abolish salaries of heads of departments, or members of boards."

"It is a familiar principle of statutory interpretation that express mention of one matter excludes other similar matters not mentioned." Spence, Bryson, Inc. *v.* China Products Co., 308 Mass. 81, 88. The express grant of power to make ordinances relating to the salaries of heads of departments or members of boards thus negates the existence of power to make ordinances relative to the salaries of persons subordinate to those boards and heads of departments. This conclusion is consistent with, and confirmed by, the provisions whereby the several officers and boards of the city are, in their respective departments, vested with the power to employ subordinates. The term "employ" implies "service rendered or to be rendered for compensation." Bingham *v.* Scott, 177 Mass. 208, 211. In other words, the power of the several boards and officers to employ includes the power to fix the amount of compensation of the persons they respectively employ.

I realize that section 5 of chapter 3 of the Revised Ordinances of 1947 does definitively fix the salary of some subordinates. So far as I am aware, however, each such situation is covered by a special statutory provision. For example, the last paragraph of that section is explicitly authorized by the provision in St. 1909, c. 486, s. 1, to the effect that "the city council may, subject to the approval of the mayor, from time to time establish such offices, other than that of city clerk, as it may deem necessary for the conduct of its affairs and at such salaries as it may determine, and abolish such offices or alter such salaries." Another illustration of this type of special statutory provision is to be found in Sp. St. 1918, c. 93, s. 4, as amended by St. 1920, c. 96, under which "each assistant assessor shall receive annually such sum as shall be fixed by the mayor and city council by ordinance as compensation for such services as the board of assessors may prescribe."

The various matters hereinbefore considered lead, in my opinion, to the inescapable conclusion that the passage of the proposed ordinance was beyond the power of the City Council. Accordingly, I am constrained to recommend that you veto the proposed ordinance.

Respectfully yours,
JOSEPH A. SCOLPONETI,
Corporation Counsel.

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APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR.

Subject to confirmation by the Council, the Mayor submitted the following appointments:

Andrew Joseph Palermo, 18 Bloomfield street, Dorchester, Mass.; David Tobey, 162 Harvard street, Dorchester, Mass.; Telemaco DelSette, 65 Highland street, Roxbury, Mass.; Maurice A. Shapiro, 316 Washington street, Dorchester, Mass., as Constables, authorized to serve civil process upon filing of bonds, for the term ending April 30, 1949.

William Campbell, 11 Olney street, Dorchester, Mass., as Constable, for the term ending April 30, 1949, not authorized to serve civil process, and to serve without bond.

Robert Graham, 35 Houghton street, Dorchester, Mass.; Daniel Fitzgerald, 186 O'Callaghan way, South Boston, Mass.; Raymond P. Severance, 94 Jaques street, Somerville, Mass.; James D. Scheele, 19 Sudan street, Dorchester, Mass.; Kevin J. McAvoy, 17 Lee street, Jamaica Plain, Mass.; Stephen J. Molloy, 22 Hamlet street, Somerville, Mass.; Donald H. Nickerson, 40 Waite street, Malden, Mass.; Phillip A. Taylor, 820 Massachusetts avenue, Cambridge, Mass., as Weighers of Goods, for the term ending April 30, 1949.

James J. Briody, 63 Woods avenue, Somerville, Mass., as a Weigher of Coal, for the term ending April 30, 1949.

Severally referred to Committee on Confirmations

REMOVAL OF TREE, SOUTH BOSTON.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, July 9, 1948.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Park Commission relative to your order of June 21, 1948, concerning the removal of a tree located on the sidewalk of East Sixth street, South Boston, because of danger to pedestrians.

Respectfully
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Park Department, July 7, 1948.

Lawrence P. Gilligan,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Sir:

In answer to your memorandum, with enclosure, City Council order requesting the Park Com-

mission to remove the tree located on the sidewalk of 621 East Sixth street, South Boston, because of the existing danger to pedestrians and homes, please be advised that this tree has been removed.

Very truly yours,
JOHN J. MURPHY, Chairman.

Placed on file.

PLAYGROUND INSTRUCTOR, FRANKLIN PARK PLAYSTEAD.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, July 6, 1948.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Park Department relative to your order of June 28, 1948, concerning the establishment of the position of playground instructor at the Franklin Park playstead.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Park Department, July 1, 1948.

Lawrence P. Gilligan,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Sir:

I desire to acknowledge your memorandum, with enclosure, Council order requesting the Chairman of the Park Commission to establish the position of playground instructor at the Franklin Park playstead.

We have not figured on assigning a playground assistant at this location under the quota as set up in the budget. However, I feel that with an area such as this, such a request warrants serious consideration.

I have given instructions to the Director of Recreation that when the next male instructor is appointed in this department that he be placed at the Franklin Park playstead.

Very truly yours,
JOHN J. MURPHY, Chairman.

Placed on file.

DISPLAY OF FLAG ON POLE, MARINE PARK.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, July 6, 1948.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Park Commission relative to your order of June 28, 1948, concerning the placing of a flag on the pole now located at Marine Park, City Point.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Park Department, July 1, 1948.

Lawrence P. Gilligan,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Sir:

I desire to acknowledge your memorandum, with enclosure, City Council order requesting the Park Commission, through his Honor the Mayor, to have a flag placed on the pole now located at Marine Park, City Point.

The tall flagpole at Marine Park, South Boston, comes under the control of the City Messenger. He has promised to have the flag put up every Sunday, at least during the summer months, the same as was done last year. Flags are flown only on holidays, except during wartime.

Very truly yours,
JOHN J. MURPHY, Chairman.

Placed on file.

IMPROVEMENTS TO CONVENIENCE STATION, MARINE PARK.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, July 6, 1948.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Park Department relative to your order of June 28, 1948, concerning the installing of adequate lights and other necessities to keep the convenience station at Marine Park in good condition.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Park Department, July 2, 1948.

Lawrence P. Gilligan,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Sir:

I desire to acknowledge your memorandum, with enclosure, Council order requesting the Park Commission to install adequate lights and other necessities to keep the convenience station at Marine Park in good condition.

The foreman of the South Boston district tells me that all the electric lights at this location are in operation. The entire building has been put into very good condition.

This is something that usually has to be done about June 15 because we usually find practically the same conditions because it has not been occupied since the previous September.

Very truly yours,
JOHN J. MURPHY, Chairman.

Placed on file.

REMOVAL OF BROKEN GLASS, ETC., FROM SOUTH BOSTON BEACHES.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, July 6, 1948.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Park Department relative to your order of June 28, 1948, concerning the removal of broken glass from the beaches of South Boston and placing additional rubbish containers along the several beaches.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Park Department, July 1, 1948.

Lawrence P. Gilligan,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Sir:

In answer to your memorandum, with enclosure, Council order requesting the Park Commission to immediately order the removal of broken glass from the beaches of South Boston and place additional rubbish containers along the several beaches, I wish to report that at the present time we have city workers, some welfare workers and even a private contractor working on the removal of glass and other debris from the beaches along the South Boston water front.

It is hard to believe that so many persons are so careless about throwing glass, etc., around the beaches. They seem to have so little regard for the people in general who use this beach. Broken glass on beaches can be attributed in most cases to people breaking bottles. Many times broken glass results in persons being injured by same.

I have given instructions to have additional containers placed along this beach. It is hoped that the persons frequenting this beach will use the containers for the purpose for which they are intended.

Very truly yours,
JOHN J. MURPHY, Chairman.

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IMPROVEMENTS TO PLAYGROUNDS IN DORCHESTER.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, July 19, 1948.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Park Department relative to your order of July 6, 1948, concerning the placing of the tennis courts located at Dorchester Park, Mary Hemenway Playground and Garvey Playground in condition so that they may be made available for tennis players for the remainder of the season.

Respectfullly,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Park Department, July 16, 1948.
Lawrence P. Gilligan,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Sir:
In answer to your memorandum, with enclosure, order of City Council requesting that the grass be cut at Dorchester Town Field, Garvey Playground and Dorchester Park, and that the tennis courts at Dorchester Park, Mary Hemenway Playground and Garvey Playground be put into condition so that they may be available for the remainder of the season, I wish to say that the grass, at the playgrounds mentioned, has been cut and will be kept in good condition. The grass has grown fairly high due to the excessive rain this year coupled with the hot weather.
I have issued instructions to the foreman of the Dorchester district to pull out the weeds from the tennis court at Dorchester Park, and to try to fix up the tennis courts at the locations you mention, with what material is there.
If tennis were real popular in that section we should have hard surfaced asphalt courts. However, we have no money for such courts and unless there is a great demand for tennis it probably would not be advisable.
Very truly yours,
JOHN J. MURPHY, Chairman.
Placed on file.

TRAFFIC LIGHTS, CENTRE AND LA GRANGE STREETS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, July 1, 1948.
To the City Council.
Gentlemen:
I transmit herewith communication from the Traffic Commissioner relative to your order of June 21, concerning the installation of traffic lights at the junction of Centre and La Grange streets, Ward 20.
Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Traffic Commission, June 29, 1948.
Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.
Dear Sir:
In reply to Council Order of Councilor Bryan dated June 21, 1948, reading as follows:
"Ordered, That the Traffic Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to proceed immediately with the installation of traffic lights at the junction of Centre and La Grange streets, Ward 20,"
please be advised that it is our intention to install traffic lights at Centre and La Grange streets, Ward 20, within the next few months.
Respectfully submitted,
LEO F. CURLEY, Commissioner.
Placed on file.

NAMING OF SPACE AT CHESTNUT AVENUE AND CENTRE STREET, WARD 10.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, July 8, 1948.
To the City Council.
Gentlemen:
I transmit herewith communication from the Board of Street Commissioners relative to your order of May 17, 1948, concerning the naming of the junction of Chestnut avenue and Centre street, Ward 10, in honor of Capt. Peter R. Mutascio, killed in action during World War II.
Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Street Laying-Out Department,
July 6, 1948.
Mr. Lawrence P. Gilligan,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Sir:
Referring to order of City Council dated May 17, requesting that the intersection of Chestnut and Centre streets, Ward 10, be named in honor of Peter R. Mutascio.
The Committee to Memorialize Veterans voted at meeting held on Wednesday, June 30, to so name this intersection.
This vote is to be acted upon by the City Council and approved by his Honor the Mayor, after which time the intersection will be officially designated as the Peter R. Mutascio Square.
Very truly yours,
L. W. COSTELLO, Secretary.
Placed on file.

VACATION BENEFITS FOR CERTAIN EMPLOYEES.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, July 6, 1948.
To the City Council.
Gentlemen:
I transmit herewith communication from the City Auditor relative to your order of June 7, 1948, concerning vacation benefits for transferees according to their length of service.
Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. GILLIGAN,
CHIEF CLERK, MAYOR'S OFFICE.
July 6, 1948.
Section 15D of chapter 31 of the General Laws provides that a person who transfers from one department to another, or from a department of the Commonwealth to a municipal department, shall after one year's service in the latter department be entitled to have his "length of service" computed from the date of his original entrance into the public service. For example, a person who entered the state service on July 1, 1937, and who transferred to a city department on May 1, 1947, is entitled on May 1, 1948, to be credited in the city department with ten years and ten months prior service. Under the provisions of Mayor's Circular Letter No. 7, issued under date of March 26, 1947, this employee would be entitled this year to three weeks vacation.
CHARLES J. FOX,
City Auditor.
Placed on file.

MOSQUITO CONTROL.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, July 14, 1948.
To the City Council.
Gentlemen:
I transmit herewith communication from the Health Department relative to your order of July 6, 1948, concerning the possibility of adopting a mosquito control program in the City of Boston.
Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Health Department, July 13, 1948.
Mr. Lawrence P. Gilligan,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Sir:
This will acknowledge your communication of July 8, together with City Council order dated July 6, 1948, requesting the Health Commissioner to investigate the possibility of adopting a mosquito control program in the City of Boston for the purpose of protecting the health of its citizens.
Please be advised that the Health Commissioner during the summer of 1947 made a survey of the mosquito pest control problem in Boston. In the budget for 1948, provisions were made in the amount of $2,000 for the expense of operating an air-borne spray program during the mosquito-breeding season of 1948. A survey of the mosquito-breeding problem during the present season is already under way.
During the month of May, the larvae count was made in various swampy areas in West Roxbury in cooperation with the Reclamation Board of the State of Massachusetts and it was found desirable to spray approximately 500 acres of land in West Roxbury. This spraying was accomplished several weeks ago and it is hoped that it will act as a larvicide and prevent the development of flight mosquitoes.

At the present time, arrangements have been made to air-borne-spray certain sections of Boston, within the next ten days, weather conditions permitting. Consideration has also been given to spraying a certain area along the Charles River, which is not under the control of the Metropolitan District Commission, in order to kill the flight mosquito. Certain marshy lands in East Boston will also be sprayed.

It is hoped that the work which is to be done this year will do much to alleviate the mosquito nuisance.

Yours respectfully,
JOHN H. CAULEY, M. D.,
Health Commissioner.

Placed on file.

REPLACING OF GAS LAMPS ON HOLTON STREET, WARD 22.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, July 12, 1948.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Public Works Department relative to your order of June 11, 1948, concerning the replacement of the present antiquated gas lamps on Holton street, Ward 22, with modern electric arc lamps.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Public Works Department,
July 9, 1948.

Mr. Lawrence P. Gilligan,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Sir:

I return herewith order in City Council that the Commissioner of Public Works replace the present antiquated gas lamps on Holton street, Ward 22, with modern electric lamps, and this will advise you that the Lighting Service of the Public Works Department will have a survey made of this street with a view to making the suggested changes.

Very truly yours,
ROBERT P. CURLEY,
Commissioner of Public Works.

Placed on file.

ELECTRIC LIGHT, STRANDWAY-COLUMBIA CIRCLE.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, July 12, 1948.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Public Works Department relative to your order of June 21, 1948, concerning the installing of an electric street light at the intersection of Camp McKay by-pass road, located in the vicinity of Columbia Circle with the South Boston Strandway.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Public Works Department,
July 9, 1948.

Mr. Lawrence P. Gilligan,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Sir:

I return herewith order in City Council that the Commissioner of Public Works install an electric street light at the intersection of the Camp McKay by-pass road located in the vicinity of Columbia Circle with the South Boston Strandway, and this will advise you that an order will be issued by the Lighting Service of the Public Works Department to have this light placed at the location requested.

Very truly yours,
ROBERT P. CURLEY,
Commissioner of Public Works.

Placed on file.

SALE OF OLD TRUCKS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, July 19, 1948.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I am in receipt of the attached communication from the Commissioner of Public Works, in which he requests authority to sell, at public auction, a number of old trucks no longer needed for public purposes.

It is my opinion that, while a market might exist for these old pieces of equipment, they should be sold to the highest bidder, and I therefore recommend passage of the accompanying order by your Honorable Body.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Public Works Department,
July 16, 1948.

Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.
Dear Mr. Mayor:

By the purchase of new motor vehicles this department has modernized its equipment. Many of the old trucks which the department had in service were traded-in in connection with the purchase of new trucks.

We still have on hand some old trucks which are of no further use to the city and which in most cases have no value as far as trade-ins are concerned and are considered as junk.

I consider it to be to the city's advantage to dispose of this old equipment which is now stored at the Albany Street yard of this department, and since its estimated value is in excess of $500, I respectfully request that you ask the City Council to grant permission to sell these old vehicles at public auction.

Very truly yours,
ROBERT P. CURLEY,
Commissioner of Public Works.

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be authorized to sell, at public auction, certain old trucks, no longer needed or useful for any public purpose.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS TO CITY COUNCIL DEPARTMENT.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, July 19, 1948.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I am forwarding herewith an order transferring the sum of $5,316.74 from the Reserve Fund to the A-1, Permanent Employees, item of the budget of the City Council Department, to make available the amount needed for salary increases to twenty-two City Councilors, as per chapter 555 of the Acts of 1948, passed by the City Council June 21, 1948, and approved by the Mayor to become effective July 6, 1948. The act increases the salary of the councilors from $2,000 per annum to $2,500 per annum.

I recommend consideration and adoption of this order by your Honorable Body.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Ordered, That in accordance with the provisions of section 3B of chapter 486 of the Acts of 1909, as amended by chapter 604 of the Acts of 1941, the City Auditor be, and hereby is, authorized to transfer:

From Special Appropriation, Reserve Fund, $5,316.74, to City Council, A-1, Permanent Employees, $5,316.74.

The question first came on the suspension of the rule, and the rule was suspended.

The question then came on the adoption of the order, and the order was adopted, yeas, 14 nays 1:

Yeas—Councilors Ansel, Beades, Bryan, Coffey, Cook, Hannon, Hurley, Lane, Lanigan, Linehan, McCormack, Ramsey, Shanley, Sullivan—14.

Nays—Councilor Wenzler—1.

TRANSFERS WITHIN AND BETWEEN DEPARTMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, July 19, 1948.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

The enclosed requests for transfer of appropriations, together with the accompanying orders, are

forwarded for consideration and adoption by your Honorable Body.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Ordered, That in accordance with the provisions of section 3B of chapter 486 of the Acts of 1909, as amended by chapter 604 of the Acts of 1941, the City Auditor he, and herehy is, authorized to transfer:

From Special Appropriation, Bridges, Repairs, Etc., $15,000, to Puhlic Works Department, Bridge Service, B-39, General Repairs, $15,000.

Ordered, That in accordance with the provisions of section 3B of chapter 486 of the Acts of 1909, as amended by chapter 604 of the Acts of 1941, the City Auditor be, and herehy is, authorized to transfer:

From County of Suffolk, Special Appropriation, Contingent Fund, $840, to Associate Medical Examiner Service, Northern Division, A-2, Temporary Employees, $350, B-4, Transportation of Persons, $450, B-13, Communication, $40.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

TERMINATION OF LEASE ON NORTH FERRY PROPERTY.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, July 19, 1948.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

This communication relates to the property in East Boston known as the North Ferry and also that part of Border street running from the southwesterly side line of Summer street to the North Ferry.

Under an order adopted by your Honorable Body on Septemher 23, 1946, said premises were leased to the United States Government for naval purposes for a term beginning July 1, 1946, and ending June 30, 1947, with an option of renewal annually thereafter to June 30, 1951. The lease also contained a clause requiring the government upon the termination of the lease, to restore the leased premises to the same condition as that existing at the time the government entered. The renewal option was exercised only once, so that the lease terminated June 30, 1948.

While the government was in possession of the leased premises, it erected thereon a 700-foot fence, a pier, coal hins and six complete huildings, to all of which, under the terms of the lease, the government retained title. In lieu of restoration, the government has offered to transfer these improvements to the city provided that the city erect a 300-foot continuation of the fence. As these improvements would be of considerable use to the city's Public Works Department which is going to use the premises as its East Boston yard, I recommend to your Honorable Body the immediate adoption of the accompanying order.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Whereas, By an instrument dated as of July 1, 1946, the City of Boston leased to the United States Government for naval purposes the property in East Boston known as the North Ferry and also that part of Border street running from the southwesterly side line of Sumner street to the North Ferry for a term beginning July 1, 1946, and ending June 30, 1947, with an option of renewal annually thereafter to June 30, 1951, and with a provision requiring the government, upon the termination of the lease, to restore the leased premises to the same condition as that existing at the time the government entered; and

Whereas, Said lease was renewed only once so that it expired on June 30, 1948; and

Whereas, During the term of the lease the government erected on the leased premises a 700-foot fence, a pier, coal bins and six complete buildings, to all of which, under the terms of the lease, the government retained title; and

Whereas, The government has offered in lieu of restoration to transfer said improvements to the city provided that the city erect a 300-foot continuation of the fence; and

Whereas, Said improvements will be of much use and value to the city; now therefore it is herehy

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor of the City of Boston be, and he hereby is, authorized and empowered, in the name and behalf of the City of Boston, to do any and all acts and to execute any and all instruments necessary to terminate the aforesaid lease as of 12.01 a. m. on July 1, 1948, to effectuate the transfer and accept the delivery of the aforesaid improvements, to undertake to erect a 300-foot continuation of the fence, and to release and discharge the United States of America, its officers, agents and employees from all manner of actions, liability and claims under said lease except for rent for the period ending June 30, 1948.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

EXCHANGE OF LANDS WITH COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, July 19, 1948.

To the Honorable City Council.
Gentlemen:

On August 18, 1947, you received from Temporary Mayor John B. Hynes a communication pertaining to the proposed exchange with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts under St. 1945, c. 383, s. 3, of World War Memorial Park and William Amerena Playground for two recreation areas to he constructed by the State Department of Puhlic Works in East Boston, one at or near the water front extending from Wordsworth street (extended) to Bayswater street and the other near Porter street. That communication and the order accompanying it were referred to your Committee on Public Lands, but no other action was taken by your Honorable Body with regard to the matter because the facilities proposed for the recreation area to be constructed near Porter street did not include a much-needed stadium.

St. 1946, c. 516, the act under which the recreation areas were to be constructed by the State Department of Public Works, has been amended hy St. 1948, c. 652. Under the amendment, the Commonwealth still makes availahle only $1,300,000 of its funds, but the recreation areas are to be constructed upon such lands and with such structures and facilities for recreation as the State Department of Puhlic Works and the city may agree upon without reference to the report filed by the State Planning Board under Res. 1945, c. 47; and it is further provided that "The structures and facilities of the recreation area near Porter street shall include a stadium having a seating capacity of not less than seven thousand persons and costing not more than three hundred thousand dollars, if, but only if, the city council of the city of Boston, subject to the provisions of the charter of said city and after two separate readings and by two separate votes of two thirds of all its members, the second of said readings and votes to he had not less than fourteen days after the first, authorizes the execution of an agreement whereby said city undertakes to pay the commonwealth, at the time of the exchange of lands provided for hy said section three, the amount by which the cost of the stadium shall have caused the aggregate cost of the construction of both of said recreation areas to exceed the aforesaid sum of one million three hundred thousand dollars."

While it had been hoped that the Legislature would appropriate sufficient funds to enahle the Commonwealth to huild the much-needed stadium, the enactment of St. 1948, c. 652, makes it plain that if a stadium is to be built, the City of Boston must pay for it hut under a somewhat attractive financial program. No payment will have to he made for the stadium until both recreation areas are ready for use, and the payment can then he made out of horrowed funds to be repaid over a ten-year period. Furthermore, if the construction of the two recreation areas (exclusive of the stadium) do not cost the state the full sum of $1,300,000, the act requires the state to apply the halance to reduce the cost of the stadium to the city.

It is estimated that a stadium having a seating capacity of 7,000 persons will cost about $200,000. Submitted herewith for your consideration is the draft of an order which, if adopted hy your Honorable Body in substitution for the order accompanying the communication received hy your Honorable Body from Temporary Mayor John B. Hynes on August 18, 1947, will enahle the immediate execution of the agreements necessarily

antecedent to the construction of the two recreation areas and such a stadium.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Whereas, Section 3 of chapter 383 of the Acts of 1945 (entitled "An Act Directing the Department of Public Works to Make Provision for the Continued Development of the General Edward Lawrence Logan Airport at East Boston") provides:

"If the use of any lands owned by the city of Boston and held for any purpose specified in chapter forty-five of the General Laws is necessary for the purposes of said airport, the department and said city are hereby authorized to enter into an agreement exchanging such lands for other lands to be acquired by the department, on which the department shall construct a recreation area or areas to be approved by said city, and the department is further authorized to take by eminent domain under chapter seventy-nine of the General Laws, or otherwise acquire, the necessary lands or rights therein for the construction of the recreation area or areas, and to do the necessary grading and construct suitable buildings and playgrounds and appurtenances therefor"; and

Whereas, Chapter 516 of the Acts of 1946 (entitled "An Act Providing for the Construction by the Department of Public Works of Certain Recreation Areas in the East Boston District of the City of Boston"), as amended by chapter 652 of the Acts of 1948 (entitled "An Act Relating to the Construction by the Department of Public Works of Certain Recreation Areas in the East Boston District of the City of Boston and Authorizing said City to Borrow Money in Connection Therewith"), provides:

"The department of public works, in carrying out the duties imposed upon it by section three of chapter three hundred and eighty-three of the acts of nineteen hundred and forty-five and subject to the provisions of said section three relative to the making of an agreement by said department and the city of Boston, is hereby authorized and directed (*a*) to construct, at or near the water front extending from Wordsworth street (extended) to Bayswater street in the East Boston district of the city of Boston, a recreation area upon such lands and with such structures and facilities for recreation as said department and said city may agree upon and (*b*) to construct, near Porter street in said East Boston district by the so-called airport approach exchange, a recreation area upon such lands and with such structures and facilities for recreation as said department and said city may agree upon. For the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this act, said department may expend, in addition to any sums which the city of Boston undertakes to pay to the commonwealth as hereinafter provided, sums not exceeding, in the aggregate, one million three hundred thousand dollars, which shall be paid from the funds provided by section four of chapter six hundred and seventy-six of the acts of nineteen hundred and forty-seven. The structures and facilities of the recreation area near Porter street shall include a stadium having a seating capacity of not less than seven thousand persons and costing not more than three hundred thousand dollars, if, but only if, the city council of the city of Boston, subject to the provisions of the charter of said city and after two separate readings and by two separate votes of two thirds of all its members, the second of said readings and votes to be had not less than fourteen days after the first, authorizes the execution of an agreement whereby said city undertakes to pay the commonwealth, at the time of the exchange of lands provided for by said section three, the amount by which the cost of the stadium shall have caused the aggregate cost of the construction of both of said recreation areas to exceed the aforesaid sum of one million three hundred thousand dollars. For the purpose of providing funds to meet any payment so undertaken to be made to the commonwealth, the treasurer of the city of Boston, without further authority than that contained in this act, shall borrow such sums as may be necessary, not exceeding, in the aggregate, three hundred thousand dollars and may issue bonds or notes of the city therefor, which shall bear on their face the words 'City of Boston, East Boston Stadium, Act of 1948'. Such loan shall be in excess of the statutory limit of indebtedness, shall be payable in not more than ten years from its date, and shall, except as herein otherwise provided, be subject to all laws relative to the incurring of debt by said city. Said recreation areas shall, upon their completion, be maintained by the park department of the city of Boston"; and

Whereas, The City of Boston owns in fee approximately 55.6 acres of upland and 30.4 acres of flats situate on the southeasterly shore of East Boston adjacent to the General Edward Lawrence Logan Airport, which area of land and flats, now known as World War Memorial Park, was acquired by the City of Boston for public park purposes by purchase in accordance with the provisions of orders of the Board of Park Commissioners of the City of Boston passed November 21, 1882, and June 26, 1891; and

Whereas, The City of Boston owns in fee approximately 3.63 acres of land bounded by Porter, Wellington, Gove and Genova streets, East Boston, which parcel of land, known as the William Amerena Playground, was taken for public playground purposes under an order of the Board of Street Commissioners passed May 22, 1925, and approved by the Mayor of the City of Boston May 25, 1925; and

Whereas, The Commonwealth of Massachusetts owns in fee approximately 48 acres of lands and flats at or near the water front extending from Wordsworth street (extended) to Bayswater street in the East Boston district of the City of Boston; and

Whereas, The Department of Public Works of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts is agreeable to constructing upon said 48 acres of land and flats, in execution of the authority and mandate given to said department by St. 1946, c. 516, as amended by St. 1948, c. 652, and subject to the provisions of St. 1945, c. 383, s. 3, a recreation area with facilities for recreation costing approximately $950,000 and consisting of the following: a bathing beach in excess of 2,600 feet long, a baseball diamond, small children's game and play areas, and trees, grass, shrubbery and walks; and

Whereas, The City of Boston is agreeable to having said department construct upon said 48 acres of land and flats, in execution of such authority and mandate, a recreation area with facilities as aforesaid; and

Whereas, The Commonwealth of Massachusetts owns in fee approximately 15 acres of land near Porter street in said East Boston district, by the so-called airport approach exchange; and

Whereas, The Department of Public Works of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts is agreeable to constructing upon said 15 acres of land, in execution of the authority and mandate given to said department by St. 1946, c. 516, as amended by St. 1948, c. 652, and subject to the provisions of St. 1945, c. 383, s. 3, a recreation area with structures and facilities for recreation costing approximately $350,000 and consisting of the following: a field house, a football field, a baseball diamond with bleachers, an additional baseball diamond, four tennis courts, a quarter-mile track, a bocci field, a basketball court, a handball court, a horseshoe court, a wading pool, small children's game and play areas, trees, grass, shrubbery and walks, and a motor vehicle parking space; and

Whereas, The City of Boston is agreeable to having said department construct upon said 15 acres of land, in execution of such authority and mandate, such a recreation area provided that the structures and facilities thereof include also a stadium costing two hundred thousand dollars ($200,000) and having a seating capacity of seven thousand persons; and

Whereas, It is the intent of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and of the City of Boston to comply with all legal requirements necessary to enable and effectuate (*a*) the immediate construction by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts of the aforesaid recreation areas with the aforesaid structures and facilities (including the stadium), (*b*) the exchange of the aforesaid lands owned by the City of Boston for the aforesaid recreation areas when completed, and (*c*) the reimbursement of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for the cost of the stadium in accordance with the provisions of St. 1946, c. 516, as amended by St. 1948, c. 652; now therefore it is hereby

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor of the City of Boston be, and he hereby is, authorized and directed to execute, in the name and behalf of the City of Boston, an agreement whereby the City

of Boston undertakes to pay the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, at the time of the exchange of lands provided for by St. 1945, c. 383, s. 3, the amount by which the cost of the aforesaid stadium shall have caused the aggregate cost of the construction of both of said recreation areas to exceed the sum of one million three hundred thousand dollars; and

That his Honor the Mayor of the City of Boston be, and he hereby is, authorized and directed to enter into, execute, deliver, receive and receipt for, in the name and behalf of the City of Boston, any other instrument or instruments which may be necessary to enable and effectuate the construction by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts of the aforesaid recreation areas with the aforesaid structures and facilities (including the stadium); and

That his Honor the Mayor of the City of Boston be, and he hereby is, authorized and directed to enter into, execute, deliver, receive and receipt for, in the name and behalf of the City of Boston, any instrument or instruments which may be necessary to enable and effectuate the exchange by and between the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the City of Boston in accordance with the provisions of St. 1945, c. 383, s. 3, and St. 1946, c. 516, as amended by St. 1948, c. 652, of the following described parcels of land:

A. Lands to be given in exchange by the City of Boston:

1. World War Memorial Park, East Boston, containing approximately 55.6 acres of upland and 30.4 acres of flats.
2. William Amerena Playground, Geneva street, East Boston, containing approximately 3.63 acres of land.

B. Lands to be given in exchange by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts:

1. Approximately 48 acres of land and flats at or near the water front extending from Wordsworth street (extended) to Bayswater street in the East Boston district of the City of Boston, together with a recreation area constructed thereon and consisting of a bathing beach in excess of 2,600 feet long, a baseball diamond, small children's game and play areas, and trees, grass, shrubbery and walks.
2. Approximately 15 acres of land near Porter street in said East Boston district, by the so-called airport approach exchange, together with a recreation area constructed thereon and consisting of a stadium costing $200,000 and seating 7,000 persons, a field house, a football field, a baseball diamond with bleachers, an additional baseball diamond, four tennis courts, a quarter-mile track, a bocci field, a basketball court, a handball court, a horseshoe court, a wading pool, small children's game and play areas, trees, grass, shrubbery and walks and motor vehicle parking space.

The rule was suspended, and the order was given its first reading and passage, yeas 17, nays 0:

Yeas—Councilors Ansel, Beades, Bryan, Chase, Coffey, Cook, Hannon, Hurley, Keenan, Lane, Lanigan, Linehan, McCormack, Ramsey, Shanley, Sullivan Wenzler.—17.

Nays—0.

Assigned for fourteen days for final action.

PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received and referred to the committees named, viz.:

Claims.

Marie T. Allen, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at 38 Colonial avenue.

Katherine Bilodeau, for compensation for injuries caused by fire apparatus.

Blue Hill Fruit Company, for compensation for damage to property at 1134A Blue Hill avenue, caused by hydrant explosion.

Katherine E. Burke, for compensation for injuries by fire apparatus.

Paul T. Burke, for compensation for damage to car by fire apparatus.

Robert J. Curran, for compensation for damage to car caused by an alleged defect in Commonwealth avenue.

Esther Damsky, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in Commonwealth avenue.

Thomas DiCarlo, for compensation for damage to car by city truck.

John T. Dolan, to be reimbursed as result of accident which occurred while in performance of duty.

James C. Fagan, to be reimbursed as result of accident which occurred while in performance of duty.

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Abraham Hasbany, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at 528 and 530 Columbus avenue.

Joseph D. Homsi, for compensation for damage to property at 257 Warren street, Roxbury, by police officers.

Leo J. Hurd, for compensation for damage to car by city truck.

William Kelly, to be reimbursed as result of execution issued against him.

Lodgen's Market, Inc., for compensation for damage to property at 19 Corinth street, caused by overflow of water.

Ida Lundberg, for compensation for damage to property at 29 Firth road, caused by ball thrown from Healey Playground.

Charles McGonagle, for compensation for injuries caused by Public Works Department vehicle.

Evelyn C. McNamara, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at 360 Washington street, Brighton.

Polly Moses, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in Montello street.

George Murphy, for compensation for injuries to dog by city truck.

Evelyn O'Neil, for compensation for damage to car by city truck.

Arthur A. Quinn, to be reimbursed as result of accident which occurred while in performance of duty.

Moses I. Roy, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in East Boston Ferry.

M. Eugene Snow, for compensation for damage to car caused by an alleged defect at Blue Hill avenue and American Legion Highway.

Paul F. Stanton, for compensation for damage to car by city car.

John H. Sullivan, for compensation for damage to property at 137 Smith street, caused by defective condition of street.

Leonard O. Wenant, for compensation for injuries caused by truck of Transit Department.

Nicholas G. Zahka, for compensation for damage to car by car of Park Commission.

Executive.

Petition of Florence M. O'Dowd, to be paid annuity on account of death of husband, Charles A. O'Dowd, late member of Fire Department.

Petition of Mary McGinley, to be paid annuity on account of death of husband, Stephen McGinley, late member of Fire Department.

Petition of Anna A. Buckley, to be paid annuity on account of death of husband, William J. Buckley, late member of Fire Department.

APPROVAL OF CONSTABLES' BONDS.

The constables' bonds of the following, having been duly approved by the City Treasurer, were received and approved by the Council, viz.: Abner Goldkrand, Edward G. Hession.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENTS.

Notice was received from Health Department of provisional appointment of Charles M. Flavin, 43 Gallivan Boulevard, Dorchester, as inspector of housing and sanitation at $2,000 a year, effective July 14, 1948.

Placed on file.

APPROVAL OF STATE BOARD OF HOUSING.

Notices were received from the State Board of Housing of approval of veterans' housing project at Sumner, Willis, etc., streets, and various other sites.

Placed on file.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC LANDS.

Coun. RAMSEY, for the Committee on Public Lands, submitted the following:

Report on message of Mayor and order (referred August 18, 1947) on exchange of lands in East Boston with Commonwealth for recreation facilities—that same ought not to pass without prejudice.

Report accepted, and the order was rejected.

THE NEXT MEETING.

On motion of Councilor Sullivan the Council voted that when it adjourn it be to meet on Monday, August 2, 1948, at 2 p. m.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HOUSING.

Coun. LINEHAN, for the Committee on Public Housing, submitted the following:

Report on order (referred June 28) for non-discriminatory clause in Boston Housing Authority contracts—that same ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the order was passed.

CONSTRUCTION OF LICENSE FOR AMUSEMENT DEVICES.

President HANNON offered the following:

An Ordinance Relative to the Construction of Licenses for Automatic Amusement Devices, Concerning the Operation of Certain Such Devices by Persons Over Sixteen but Under Twenty-One, and Regarding the Operation by Minors of Juke Boxes, Music Boxes and Phonographs.

Be it ordained by the City Council of Boston, as follows:

Section 101A of chapter 40 of the Revised Ordinances of 1947, as inserted by chapter 1, and amended by chapter 2, of the Ordinances of 1948, is hereby further amended by striking out paragraph (6) and inserting in place thereof the following paragraph:

(6) No person keeping or offering for operation or allowing to be kept or offered for operation any automatic amusement device licensed under this section shall permit a person under seventeen to operate the same unless it is a juke box, music box or phonograph; nor shall he use, or permit to be used, for the purpose of gambling, any automatic amusement device licensed under this section; and nothing in any license granted under this section shall be construed to license, authorize or permit any automatic amusement device which is illegal or unlawful for any reason apart from this section.

Referred to Committee on Ordinances.

ACCEPTANCE OF CHAPTER 384 OF ACTS OF 1948.

Coun. HANNON offered the following:

Ordered, That chapter 384 of the Acts of 1948, entitled "An Act Relative to Repayment of Withdrawn Deductions from the Teachers Retirement System," be, and hereby is, accepted.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

ACCEPTANCE OF CHAPTER 408 OF ACTS OF 1948.

Coun. HANNON, BRYAN, KINSELLA and COOK offered the following:

Ordered, That chapter 408 of the Acts of 1948, entitled "An Act Increasing the Compensation of Certain Members of the Police Department of the City of Boston," be, and hereby is, accepted.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

ACCEPTANCE OF CHAPTER 633 OF ACTS OF 1948.

Coun. HANNON offered the following:

Ordered, That chapter 633 of the Acts of 1948, entitled, "An Act Authorizing the Use of Certain Land in the Dorchester District of the City of Boston for the Purpose of Housing for Veterans," be, and hereby is, accepted.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

REMOVAL OF CERTAIN STREET CAR TRACKS.

Coun. HANNON offered the following:

Ordered, That on all streets in Ward 13 where trackless trolleys are to replace street cars the Metropolitan Transit Authority be directed, through his Honor the Mayor, to remove the rails.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

USE OF THE BLACKINTON SCHOOL FOR VETERANS' HOUSING.

Coun. COFFEY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Boston Housing Authority be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to take over the Blackinton School in East Boston for veterans' housing purposes.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

REQUEST TO JOSEPH K. COLLINS TO DISQUALIFY HIMSELF AS MEMBER OF INVESTIGATING BODY.

Coun. COFFEY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Chairman of the Finance Commission, Joseph K. Collins, be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to disqualify himself as one of the investigating body that are now spending the $150,000 appropriated by the Legislature to investigate the present form of government in Boston.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

Coun. RAMSEY in the chair.

INVESTIGATION OF CITY-COMPENSATED CONSTABLES.

Coun. CHASE offered the following:

Ordered, That the Council Committee on Confirmations investigate the names and addresses and former occupations of the city-compensated constables appointed for the year 1948.

The Chair ruled that the order was out of order.

ACCEPTANCE OF CHAPTER 657 OF ACTS OF 1948.

Coun. SULLIVAN offered the following:

Ordered, That chapter 657 of the Acts of 1948, entitled "An Act Further Regulating the Work Hours of Employees of Certain Cities and Towns," be, and hereby is, accepted.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

FAVORING PASSAGE OF WAGNER-TAFT-ELLENDER HOUSING BILL.

Coun. LINEHAN offered the following:

Resolved, That the City Council of Boston, in meeting assembled, hereby memorialize Congress in favor of the passage of the Wagner-Taft-Ellender Housing Bill at the coming special session called by the President of the United States; and it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Speaker of the National House of Representatives and the Chairman of the House Committee on Rules.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

ROPING OFF SOUTH BOSTON STADIUM.

Coun. LINEHAN offered the following:

Ordered, That the City Messenger be authorized to put up ropes and stakes at the South Boston Stadium, Friday evening, July 23, 1948, from 8 p. m. to 12 p. m., for charity baseball game and band concert.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

NAMING OF SQUARE FOR JOHN J. FINN, JR.

Coun. LINEHAN offered the following:
Ordered, That the space at the junction of H and East Seventh streets, Ward 7, be named John J. Finn, Jr., Square, in honor of the first Gate of Heaven parochial school graduate who was killed in action on August 27, 1944, and that suitable signs be erected designating same.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

ACCEPTANCE OF CHAPTER 542 OF ACTS OF 1948.

Coun. LANIGAN offered the following:
Ordered, That chapter 542 of the Acts of 1948, entitled "An Act Providing for the Maintenance by the Youth Service Board for a Limited Time of a Place or Places of Custody in the City of Boston," be, and hereby is, accepted.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

REPAIRS AND IMPROVEMENTS TO FRANKLIN PARK.

Coun. ANSEL, COOK, and TRACY offered the following:
Ordered, That the Park Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to make a survey of the Franklin Park roads for the purpose of providing a bicycle path.

Ordered, That the Park Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to install new benches, repair the old ones, and provide asphalt sidewalks at the entrances to Franklin Park.
Severally passed under suspension of the rule.

POLICE ESCORT FOR BODIES OF RETURNED WAR DEAD.

Coun. BEADES offered the following:
Ordered, That the Police Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to provide a police escort for all bodies of returning war dead arriving in Boston.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE ON AMUSEMENT DEVICES.

Coun. BEADES offered the following:

In the Year Nineteen Hundred and Forty-Eight.

An Ordinance Concerning Automatic Amusement Devices.

Be it ordained by the City Council of Boston, as follows:
Chapter forty of the Revised Ordinances of 1947, as amended by chapter one of the Ordinances of 1948, is hereby further amended in section 101A, paragraph 6, by adding the following thereto:—provided, however, that minors may operate juke boxes, music boxes, or phonographs,—so that said paragraph shall read as follows:
(6) No person keeping or offering for operation or allowing to be kept or offered for operation any automatic amusement device licensed under this section shall permit a minor to operate same; nor shall be used or permit the same to be used for the purpose of gambling; provided, however, that minors may operate juke boxes, music boxes, or phonographs.
The Chair ruled that this proposed amendment would not be accepted pending receipt of information from the Mayor's office on an identical order previously filed.

FIVE-DAY WEEK FOR CITY HOSPITAL EMPLOYEES.

Coun. WENZLER offered the following:
Ordered, That the Trustees of the Boston City Hospital be directed, through his Honor the Mayor, to institute a five-day work week for all employees of the City Hospital.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

REPAIRING OR REBUILDING HEAD HOUSE PIER.

Coun. WENZLER offered the following:
Ordered, That the Park Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to repair or rebuild Head House Pier at the City Point section of South Boston.
The order was passed under suspension of the rule. Councilor Linehan then moved reconsideration and reconsideration prevailed. The question then came on the adoption of the order and the order was adopted.

IMPROVEMENTS TO CASTLE ISLAND BEACH.

Coun. WENZLER offered the following:
Ordered, That the Park Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to place sand on the Castle Island Beach and also to complete the fishing pier project on this same island.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE TO PROVIDE SCHOLARSHIPS.

Coun. WENZLER offered the following:
Ordered, That the Boston School Committee be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to provide sufficient funds in their budget to provide ten college scholarships for boys and ten college scholarships for girls.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

BUS STOP AT N AND EAST SIXTH STREETS, SOUTH BOSTON.

Coun. WENZLER offered the following:
Ordered, That the M. T. A. be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to establish a bus stop at the corner of N and East Sixth streets, South Boston.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

FIVE-CENT FARE ON M. T. A.

Coun. WENZLER offered the following:
Ordered, That the M. T. A. be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to establish a five-cent zone from Andrew square and Broadway Station on street cars going to City Point and also on cars before they reach Andrew square and Broadway Station.
Coun. SULLIVAN then moved to amend the order by striking out all words after the word Mayor, and inserting in place thereof the following words "to re-establish a five-cent fare in the City of Boston." The amendment was passed.
The order as amended was passed.

RECESS.

On motion of Chairman Ramsey, the Council voted to take a recess at 3.52 p. m., subject to the call of the Chair. The members reassembled and were called to order by President HANNON at 4.07 p. m.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CLAIMS.

Coun. LANIGAN, for the Committee on Claims, submitted the following:
Report on petition of John J. Lydon (referred June 28) to be reimbursed for amount of execution issued against him on account of his acts as operator of motor apparatus belonging to the Fire Department—recommending passage of the accompanying order, viz.:
Ordered, That the sum of nine hundred eighty-five dollars ($985) be allowed and paid to John J. Lydon in reimbursement for amount of execution issued against him on account of his acts as operator

of motor apparatus belonging to the Fire Department, said sum to be charged to the Contingent Fund.

Report on petition of James F. Foran (referred June 28) to be reimbursed for amount of execution issued against him on account of his acts as operator of a motor truck belonging to the Highway Division, Public Works Department—recommending passage of the accompanying order, viz.:

Ordered, That the sum of two hundred twenty-seven dollars ($227) be allowed and paid to James F. Foran in reimbursement for amount of execution issued against him on account of his acts as operator of a motor truck belonging to the Highway Division, Public Works Department, said sum to be charged to the Contingent Fund.

Report on petition of Edward C. Merchant (referred June 28) to be reimbursed for amount of execution issued against him on account of his acts as operator of a motor truck belonging to the Street Cleaning Division, Public Works Department—recommending passage of the accompanying order, viz.:

Ordered, That the sum of seventy-five dollars ($75) be allowed and paid to Edward C. Merchant in reimbursement for amount of execution issued against him on account of his acts as operator of a motor truck belonging to the Street Cleaning Division, Public Works Department, said sum to be charged to the Contingent Fund.

Report on petition of Walter H. Thornton (referred June 21) to be reimbursed for amount of execution issued against him on account of his acts as operator of a motor truck belonging to the Sanitary Division, Public Works Department—recommending passage of the accompanying order, viz.:

Ordered, That the sum of twenty-four dollars and forty-four cents ($24.44) be allowed and paid to Walter H. Thornton in reimbursement for amount of execution issued against him on account of his acts as operator of a motor truck belonging to the Sanitary Division, Public Works Department, said sum to be charged to the Contingent Fund.

Report on petition of John J. Donovan (referred June 28) to be reimbursed for amount of execution issued against him on account of his acts as operator of a motor vehicle belonging to the Supply Department—recommending the passage of the accompanying order, viz.:

Ordered, That the sum of one hundred dollars ($100) be allowed and paid to John J. Donovan in reimbursement for amount of execution issued against him on account of his acts as operator of a motor vehicle belonging to the Supply Department, said sum to be charged to the Contingent Fund.

The reports were accepted and the orders were severally passed.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Coun. McCORMACK, for the Executive Committee, submitted the following:

1. Report on message of the Mayor and orders (referred July 6) for naming of intersections for war veterans—that same ought to pass.

Report accepted; said orders passed.

2. Report on message of the Mayor and orders (referred today) for transfer of appropriations within and between departmental appropriations—that same ought to pass.

3. Report on message of Mayor and order (referred July 6) for appropriation of $769 for Public Welfare Department—that same ought to pass.

The reports were accepted, and the orders were severally passed, yeas 12, nays 0:

Yeas—Councilors Ansel, Beades, Bryan, Cook, Hannon, Keenan, Lanigan, Linehan, Ramsey, Shanley, Sullivan, Wenzler—12.

Nays—0.

4. Report on message of Mayor and order (referred today) to terminate lease with United States Government on property known as North Ferry, etc.—that same ought to pass.

Report accepted, said order passed.

5. Report on order (referred July 6) for acceptance of chapter 542 of General Laws of 1948 concerning Youth Service Board—that order be placed on file.

Report accepted, and said order was placed on file.

On motion of Councilor Shanley the Council voted to adjourn at 4.14 p. m., to meet on Monday, August 2, 1948, at 2 p. m.

Note: All debate of City Council eliminated from proceedings in accordance with Chapter 447, Acts of 1947.

(Stenographic copy of such debate on file in office of City Clerk.)

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of City Council.

Monday, August 2, 1948.

Regular meeting of the City Council held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 2 p. m., President HANNON in the chair. Absent, Councilor Ansel.

The meeting was opened with the salute to the Flag.

JURORS DRAWN.

Jurors were drawn, Councilor Wenzler presiding at the box, in the absence of the Mayor, viz.:

Thirty-eight traverse jurors, Superior Criminal Court, to appear September 13, 1948:

James A. Russell, Ward 2; Anthony F. Fucillo, Ward 3; Charles D. Hamilton, Ward 5; Moses Jacobs, Ward 5; Herbert Lawrence, Ward 5; Martin H. McManus, Ward 7; Coleman O'Malley, Ward 7; John T. Rafferty, Ward 7; William McDonald, Ward 8; Robert J. Burns, Ward 9; Joseph L. Trainor, Ward 10; Michael Shaughnessy, Ward 11; Kenneth W. Atkins, Ward 13; Arthur J. Kelley, Ward 13; Michael P. McCarthy, Ward 13; Arthur H. Swan, Ward 13; Harvey A. Chase, Ward 14; Jack Shugrue, Ward 14; William I. Buckley, Ward 16; Leroy A. Dorion, Ward 16; Richard F. Lombard, Ward 16; James K. Sarhanis, Ward 16; Donald R. Smith, Ward 16; James W. Warren, Jr., Ward 16; Joseph J. Chisholm, Ward 17; George V. Jacobbe, Ward 17; John P. McCoole, Ward 17; Leo J. Grenier, Ward 18; Clifford D. Stewart, Ward 19; John L. P. Brooks, Ward 20; John J. Furze, Ward 20; Daniel M. Horton, Ward 20; Daniel A. Hughes, Ward 20; Arthur L. Shannehan, Ward 20; Herbert A. Sweet, Ward 21; John F. Doyle, Ward 22; Paul E. DuBreuil, Ward 22; Francis F. McCann, Ward 22.

One hundred forty-three traverse jurors, Superior Civil Court, to appear September 13, 1948:

Sebastian Martanza, Ward 1; Joseph J. Muldoon, Ward 1; Ferdinando Ruggiero, Ward 1; Harold M. Warren, Ward 1; Leo T. Finn, Ward 2; Patrick J. Kirrane, Ward 2; John T. Murray, Ward 2; William J. Bell, Ward 3; John Bellasio, Ward 3; Francis V. Biel, Ward 3; Raymond A. Castagnola, Ward 3; John C. Markonish, Ward 3; Richard L. Palfrey, Ward 3; Joseph John Paris, Ward 3; Edward L. Phillips, Ward 3; Angelo Rossi, Ward 3; Samuel Sherman, Ward 3; Gunnar H. Aberg, Ward 4; William H. Cartwright, Ward 4; Igor S. Coro, Ward 4; Stacy A. Goodrum, Ward 4; Robert R. Hagan, Ward 4; James A. Higgin, Ward 4; Ira D. Ivy, Ward 4; George C. Johnson, Ward 4; Saunders M. Peterson, Ward 4; Charles H. Proctor, Ward 4; Walter Spear, Ward 4; William L. Wright, Jr., Ward 4; Joseph M. Barr, Ward 5; Edward M. Fitzpatrick, Ward 5; Ralph A. Furbish, Ward 5; Paul D. Harrower, Ward 5; William Hourihan, Ward 5; Luther M. Hoyle, Jr., Ward 5; Patrick Leahey, Ward 5; Michael Lipston, Ward 5; Joseph Bucceri, Ward 6; Harold Chaulk, Ward 6; Leo F. Fuce, Ward 6; Carmello Malgioglio, Ward 6; Edmund Zakszewski, Ward 6; David K. Crichton, Ward 7; David R. Davis, Ward 7; Vincent E. Faherty, Ward 7; George A. Heger, Ward 7; Henry E. Lanoue, Ward 7; Thomas F. McDermott, Ward 8; William McDonald, Ward 7; Philip J. O'Hearn, Sr., Ward 8; Walter H. Young, Ward 8; George F. Clark, Ward 9; John F. Corbett, Ward 10; Daniel L. Moynihan, Ward 10; William B. Raymond, Ward 10; Philip Sullivan, Ward 10; Frank Breslin, Ward 11; Edward J. Forrest, Ward 11; Norman E. Johnson, Ward 11; Maurice Lisssack, Ward 11; Austin C. Quinlan, Ward 11; John M. Waters, Ward 11; Gregor Berstein, Ward 12; Paul Cooper, Ward 12.

Michael Dolan, Ward 12; Harry Dollin, Ward 12; Hary Haynes, Ward 12; John T. Mann, Ward 12; Alexander Reinstein, Ward 12; Joseph F. Carter, Ward 13; James F. Hennessey, Ward 13; Stanley B. Kordas, Ward 13; Walter J. Mazurek, Ward 13; Peter B. McAvoy, Ward 13; Andrew J. Parsons, Ward 13; Michael Perito, Ward 13; Louis F. Valleli, Ward 13; Henry Beeman, Ward 14; Benjamin I. Gray, Ward 14; Albert Harris, Ward 14; Samuel Hoffman, Ward 14; Joseph A. Marotto, Ward 14; Joseph H. Adams, Ward 15; Kenneth C. Davis, Ward 15; Thomas J. Joyce, Ward 15; James E. Norris, Ward 15; Matthew F. O'Brien, Ward 15; Robert E. Roche, Ward 15; George T. Routhier, Ward 15; Joseph V. Russell, Ward 15; Roland Sharrillo, Ward 15; Sotir P. Adams, Ward 16; Lawrence A. Connors, Ward 16; Reginald Corkill, Ward 16; Gerald F. Driscoll, Ward 16; Peter F. Garvin, Ward 16; James F. Joy, Ward 16; Henry J. McArdle, Ward 16; Henry Russell, Ward 16; Edward Ryter, Ward 16; George T. Stanley, Ward 16; Andrew Canavan, Ward 17; John J. Hagerty, Ward 17; Roy M. Jeffers, Ward 17; Samuel Krichman, Ward 17; Joseph A. McNealy, Ward 17; Nathan Morse, Ward 17; Fred M. Stone, Ward 17; S. Thomas Falcone, Ward 18; James F. McManus, Ward 18; Patrick Thomas Murphy, Ward 18; Lawrence J. Musto, Ward 18; Joseph Novara, Ward 18; Thomas H. O'Connor, Ward 18; Charles F. Phillips, Ward 18; Harry Silberberg, Ward 18; Harold J. Wall, Ward 18; James M. Will, Ward 18; Gilbert A. Finn, Ward 19; Stephen F. Madden, Ward 19; John C. Maling, Ward 19; David P. McDonald, Ward 19; Leo J. Nash, Ward 19; Aaron S. Thurston, Ward 19; Giovanni Antonuccio, Ward 20; George F. Beatty, Ward 20; Thomas F. Darcy, Ward 20; Dominick DiRago, Ward 20.

Thomas F. Flynn, Ward 20; Carl A. Roy, Ward 20; Ralph W. Alley, Ward 21; Philip B. Bayes, Ward 21; Harold F. Brackett, Ward 21; Benjamin F. Burke, Ward 21; James M. Flagg, Ward 21; Alexander B. Koziatek, Ward 21; Richard E. Matthews, Ward 21; Walter J. Stokinger, Ward 21; John P. Buckley, Ward 22; Perley W. Delabarre, Ward 22; Thomas L. Donnelly, Ward 22; Samuel Karp, Ward 22; Edward J. Ryan, Ward 22.

VETO OF AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE RE AMUSEMENT DEVICES.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, July 20, 1948.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I return herewith, disapproved and without my signature, the proposed amendment to the ordinance concerning automatic amusement devices passed by your Honorable Body on July 6, 1948.

I am prompted to take this action for the reason that there is presently pending before your Body another proposed amendment to the same paragraph of that ordinance.

In view of the undesirability of too frequent changes in ordinances affecting the public, I feel constrained to veto the proposed amendment passed July 6.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Placed on file.

VETO OF ORDER ACCEPTING CHAPTER 657 OF THE ACTS OF 1948.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, July 20, 1948.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I return herewith, disapproved and without my signature, the order passed by your Honorable Body for the acceptance of chapter 657 of the Acts of 1948, concerning the work hours of employees.

This action is taken for the reason that the legislation requires no acceptance by the city.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Placed on file.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR.

Weigher of Coal: William J. Buttlar, 33 Orchard street, Jamaica Plain, Mass., for term ending April 30, 1949.

Weigher of Goods: George Roberts, 194 Essex street, Malden, Mass., for term ending April 30, 1949.

Severally referred to the Committee on Confirmations.

NAMING OF INTERSECTION IN MEMORY OF JAMES T. KING.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, July 20, 1948.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Board of Street Commissioners relative to your order of June 28, 1948, concerning the naming of the intersection at Eustis street and Dearborn street, Ward 8, Roxbury.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Street Laying-Out Department,
July 19, 1948.

Mr. Lawrence P. Gilligan,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Sir:

Referring to City Council order of June 28, requesting that the Committee to Memorialize Veterans name the intersection at Eustis street and Dearborn street, Ward 8, Roxbury, in memory of James T. King, would advise that said committee voted at meeting held on Wednesday, June 30, to so name this intersection.

This vote is to be acted upon by the City Council and approved by his Honor the Mayor, after which time the intersection will be officially designated as the James T. King Square.

Very truly yours,
L. W. COSTELLO, Secretary.

Placed on file.

NAMING OF JUNCTION IN MEMORY OF THOMAS C. KEEFE.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, July 20, 1948.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Board of Street Commissioners relative to your order of June 28, 1948, concerning the naming of the space at the junction of Parsons and Faneuil streets, Brighton, in memory of Thomas C. Keefe.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Street Laying-Out Department,
July 19, 1948.

Mr. Lawrence P. Gilligan,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Sir:

Referring to order of the City Council, dated June 28, requesting that the Committee to Memorialize Veterans name the space at the junction of Parsons and Faneuil streets, Brighton, in memory of Thomas C. Keefe, would advise that at a meeting of said committee held on Wednesday, June 30, it was voted to so name this intersection.

This action by the committee will have to be acted upon by the City Council and approved by his Honor the Mayor, after which time the intersection will be officially designated as the Thomas C. Keefe Square.

Very truly yours,
L. W. COSTELLO, Secretary.

Placed on file.

NAMING OF SQUARE IN MEMORY OF JOHN J. FINN, JR.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, July 22, 1948.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Board of Street Commissioners relative to your order of July 19, 1948, concerning the naming of the space at the junction of H and East Seventh streets, Ward 7, in honor of John J. Finn, Jr.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Street Laying-Out Department,
July 22, 1948.

Mr. Lawrence P. Gilligan,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Sir:

Replying to your communication of July 21, enclosing copy of Council order dated July 19, 1948, requesting that the Committee to Memorialize Veterans recommend that the space at the junction of H and East Seventh streets, Ward 7, be named in honor of John J. Finn, Jr., I beg to advise that the next meeting of said committee is scheduled for November of the current year, at which time action will be taken thereon.

Very truly yours,
L. W. COSTELLO, Secretary.

Placed on file.

TRANSMITTING COMMUNICATION FROM CHAIRMAN OF FINANCE COMMISSION.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, August 2, 1948.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I beg to forward herewith answer of the Chairman of the Finance Commission, the same constituting the reply to the order adopted by your Honorable Body which requested the resignation of Mr. Collins.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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City of Boston
Finance Commission, July 30, 1948.

Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.
Honorable Sir:

I have your letter of July 27 enclosing a request order from the City Council. As you must well be aware, only the naive or the ignorant would take it seriously. It, and your reported endorsement of it are obviously an attempt to draw a red herring across the trail of facts presented by the Finance Commission.

You request a report in reply. As you well know, neither you nor the Council is entitled to a report. From time to time, on such occasions as the five-man Commission of which I am a member determines the necessity you will receive reports pertaining to the administration of the city's affairs.

Sincerely,
JOSEPH K. COLLINS.

Placed on file.

VACATIONS FOR CHILDREN.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, August 2, 1948.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Boston School Committee relative to your order of July 6, 1948, concerning the establishment of adequate facilities to give vacations to all children in the City of Boston.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
School Committee, July 30, 1948.

Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.
Dear Sir:

At the conference of the School Committee held on July 22, 1948, I presented the order of the City Council passed at the meeting of July 6, 1948, requesting the Boston School Committee, through his Honor the Mayor, "to establish adequate facilities to give vacations to all children in the City of Boston."

The order of the City Council was placed on file.

Respectfully submitted,
LOUISE KANE, Secretary.

Placed on file.

"STOP" SIGNS, SOUTH HOBART STREET.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, July 26, 1948.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Traffic Commission relative to your order of April 26, 1948, concerning the installing of "Stop" signs at the intersection of Arlington and South Hobart streets on South Hobart street.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Traffic Commission, July 13, 1948.

Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.
Dear Sir:

In further reply to blue memo of April 28, 1948, from Lawrence P. Gilligan, Chief Clerk, and my answer of June 8, 1948, regarding Council order of April 26, 1948, from Councilor Shanley, reading as follows:

"Ordered, That the Traffic Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to install 'Stop' signs at the intersection of Arlington and South Hobart streets on South Hobart street,"

please be advised that a survey was made at this intersection on July 7 to determine the traffic flow through these streets in the peak hours between 8 a. m. and 10 a. m. and 4 p. m. and 6 p. m. The traffic was so light in both of these streets that it would not meet with the requirements for a "Stop" street installation that would have to be approved by the State Department of Public Works.

The Traffic Commission, several years ago, placed "Slow" signs in either side of South Hobart street, approaching Arlington street. Traffic in South Hobart street is all local and any one using this street is familiar with the intersection, and I do not believe that the erection of any more signs at this particular intersection is necessary.

Respectfully submitted,
LEO F. CURLEY, Commissioner.

Placed on file.

MAKING OF CERTAIN STREETS ONE WAY.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, July 26, 1948.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Traffic Commission relative to your order of May 10, 1948, concerning the advisability of making Angell, Fabyan, Brookview, Hansborough, Wilcock and Baird streets and Johnston road, one way thoroughfares.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Traffic Commission, July 19, 1948.

Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.
Dear Sir:

In reply to blue memo signed by Lawrence P. Gilligan, Chief Clerk, regarding Council order by Councilor Ansel dated May 10, 1948, please be advised that the following streets will be made one way, effective July 26, 1948:

Baird Street, Dorchester.
From Blue Hill avenue to Morton street.
Brookview Street, Dorchester.
From Harvard street to Blue Hill avenue.
Fabyan Street, Dorchester.
From Blue Hill avenue to Harvard street.
Hansborough Street, Dorchester.
From Blue Hill avenue to Harvard street.
Havelock Street, Dorchester.
From Morton street to Blue Hill avenue.
Johnston Road, Dorchester.
From Harvard street to Blue Hill avenue.
Wilcock Street, Dorchester.
From Blue Hill avenue to Morton street.

Respectfully submitted,
LEO F. CURLEY, Commissioner.

Placed on file.

"STOP" SIGN AT ASHTON AND ARBUTUS STREETS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, July 26, 1948.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Traffic Commission relative to your order of June 28, 1948, concerning the erecting of a "Stop" sign at the corner of Ashton and Arbutus streets, Ward 14.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Traffic Commission, July 13, 1948.

Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.
Dear Sir:

In reply to Council order of Councilor Ansel, dated June 28, 1948, reading as follows:

"Ordered, That the Traffic Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to erect a 'Stop' sign at the corner of Ashton and Arbutus streets, Ward 14,"

please be advised that an investigation was made of this intersection and our engineer reports as follows:

In my opinion the volume and nature of the traffic does not warrant the erection of "Stop"

signs at this location. Traffic is extremely light and it is of a local nature.

Respectfully submitted,
LEO F. CURLEY, Commissioner.

Placed on file.

CLEANING OF WARD 14 STREETS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, July 26, 1948.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Public Works Department relative to your order of May 24, 1948, concerning the cleaning of all streets in Ward 14.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Public Works Department,
July 23, 1948.

Lawrence P. Gilligan,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Sir:

With reference to your memorandum of May 26, 1948, attaching order in Council concerning the cleaning of all streets in Ward 14, the Sanitary Division Chief Supervisor reports that this area has been completely cleaned.

Respectfully,
ROBERT P. CURLEY,
Commissioner of Public Works.

Placed on file.

PROPOSED IMPROVEMENT TO HEAD HOUSE PIER.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, July 22, 1948.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Park Department relative to your order of July 19, 1948, concerning the repairing or rehuilding of Head House Pier in the City Point section of South Boston.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Park Department, July 21, 1948.

Lawrence P. Gilligan,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Sir:

In answer to your memorandum, with enclosure, City Council order requesting the Park Commissioner to repair or rebuild Head House Pier at the City Point section of South Boston, I wish to say that some months ago I reported to the City Council that the existing pier at Marine Park Head House had gone heyond repair and that a new pier would have to be huilt.

At that time I estimated the cost of the construction of a new pier at $250,000. Since that time, due to rising costs, I feel that this estimate of $250,000 should be changed to $300,000.

There is no money available for the construction of a new pier at Marine Park. We have been restoring the approach to the pier near the hathhouse, which is heing done under contract and should be ready for the use of the public in a very short time.

Very truly yours,
JOHN J. MURPHY, Chairman.

Placed on file.

BICYCLE PATHS, FRANKLIN PARK.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, July 22, 1948.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Park Department relative to your order of July 19, 1948, concerning the making of a survey of the Franklin Park roads for the purpose of providing a bicycle path.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Park Department, July 21, 1948.

Lawrence P. Gilligan,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Sir:

In answer to your memorandum, with enclosure, City Council order requesting the Park Commission to make a survey of the Franklin Park roads for the purpose of providing a bicycle path, I wish to say that the ideal road, in my opinion, is the somewhat circular road around the playstead in Franklin Park.

Many years ago this was used as more or less of a hicycle road in the park. The total distance around the playstead on the road is about 1½ miles. It is located between the bird house and Walnut avenue, around that location that had been devoted to vegetable gardens.

It would require a certain amount of patching of the road surface to put it into fairly good condition. No regular motor vehicles are allowed on this road which would mean that the cyclists would not be in danger of speeding motor cars.

There has been an inquiry about some convention that might he held next year for cyclists. They are looking around for a safe road for bicycling during the days of their convention.

Very truly yours,
JOHN J. MURPHY, Chairman.

Placed on file.

IMPROVEMENTS TO CASTLE ISLAND BEACH.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, July 22, 1948.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Park Department relative to your order of July 19, 1948, concerning the placing of sand on the Castle Island beach, and also the completion of the fishing pier project on the island.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Park Department, July 21, 1948.

Lawrence P. Gilligan,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Sir:

I desire to acknowledge your memorandum, with enclosure, City Council order requesting the Park Commissioner to place sand on the Castle Island beach and also to complete the fishing pier project on this same island.

Castle Island was returned to the city only a few months ago. Since that time a contract has been let for the construction of a traffic circle at the junction of the roadway to the island so as to allow motor traffic going towards the island to turn around at the island and come back to the mainland, also to restore the henches and walks on the island.

This work is in progress and it is hoped the roadway part of it will be done very soon. Until such time as this contract is completed, in my opinion it will be in-

advisable to attempt to do much with the beach on account of all the traffic to and from and on the island.

The railing on the Navy pier is being installed along that straight section of pier out to where it had been set afire on two occasions. The pier will be open to the public out to this place of the fire, in a very short time.

Very truly yours,
JOHN J. MURPHY, Chairman.

Placed on file.

PURCHASE OF LAND FOR PLAYGROUND IN BRIGHTON DISTRICT.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, July 30, 1948.

To the Honorable the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I am in receipt of the attached communication from the Board of Park Commissioners requesting the appropriation of $25,760 from the Special Account, Sales of City Property, to be expended under the direction of the Board of Park Commissioners, for the purchase of approximately 64,400 square feet of land situated on Faneuil street, in the Brighton district of the City of Boston, now owned by the Metropolitan Transit Authority, and now being used as a playground under the terms of a lease from the Authority to the City of Boston. This district is greatly in need of such a playground, and its extensive use by the children of the neighborhood requires that its operation be continued.

I submit herewith an order appropriating the sum of $25,760 from the Special Account, Sales of City Property, to be expended under the direction of the Board of Park Commissioners, for the purchase of this site, and respectfully recommend its passage by your Honorable Body.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Park Department, July 30, 1948.

Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.
Dear Mr. Mayor:

The Park Department is presently maintaining a playground near Oak square, in the Brighton district. The land on which the playground is being operated is owned by the Metropolitan Transit Authority, and a portion of it, consisting of approximately 64,400 square feet, is occupied by the City of Boston, under the terms of a lease dated May 1, 1946, said lease being for a term of five years, from May 1, 1946, to April 30, 1951.

The Metropolitan Transit Authority is desirous of disposing of all real estate not presently being used for street railway purposes. Under the provisions of the lease, the lease may be terminated for the purpose of sale. After negotiations had been made with representatives of the Metropolitan Transit Authority, the Law Department and the Park Department, the representatives of the Metropolitan Transit Authority agreed to give the City of Boston an opportunity to purchase before advertising the property for sale. The amount agreed upon as a purchase price is $25,760, which is approximately 40 cents per square foot. The lot is assessed for 60 cents per square foot. The Park Department has constructed a playground on this lot which is extensively used by the children of the neighborhood. This district is greatly in need of such a playground.

I therefore request that you recommend the adoption by the City Council of an order whereby the sum of $25,760 be appropriated from the Special Account Sales of City Property, to be expended under the direction of the Board of Park Commissioners, for the purchase of approximately 64,400 square feet of land situated on the southerly side of Faneuil street, being the northeast portion of the land owned by the Metropolitan Transit Authority.

Respectfully yours,
JOHN J. MURPHY, Chairman.

Ordered, That the sum of twenty-five thousand seven hundred and sixty dollars ($25,760) be, and the same hereby is, appropriated, from the Special Account, Sales of City Property, to be expended under the direction of the Board of Park Commissioners, for the purchase of approximately sixty-four thousand four hundred square feet (64,400) of land situated on Faneuil street, in the Brighton district of the City of Boston, now owned by the Metropolitan Transit Authority.

Referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

ACCEPTANCE OF CHAPTER 422 OF ACTS OF 1948.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, August 2, 1948.

To the Honorable City Council.
Gentlemen:

Chapter 622 of the Acts of 1948 provides for (*a*) construction of an addition to and alterations in the Tremont Street Subway and alterations in the Scollay Square, Park Street and Boylston Street stations; and (*b*) construction of an addition to the Washington Street Tunnel and studies relating to the removal of a portion of the Elevated structure.

This act provides that it shall take effect upon acceptance by vote of the City Council, approved by the Mayor and by the acceptance of the Metropolitan Transit Authority by vote of its Board of Trustees.

Chapter 622 is in two parts:

Part I provides that the Transit Department shall construct an addition to the existing Tremont Street Subway in the City of Boston, connecting with the said subway at or near the junction of Hanover street and Scollay square, thence running in a general southerly direction under Beacon Hill and Boston Common and through and under public and private lands and ways, and connecting with Park Street Station of said subway, and shall also in connection with such construction enlarge and alter and provide additional platform facilities in the Scollay Square, Park Street and Boylston Street Stations of said subway, and shall provide continuous platform facilities between said Park Street Station and said Boylston Street Station, and may make such alterations in said subway for said purposes as it may deem necessary.

At rush hours the capacity of the surface car subway system is overtaxed. The operation of individual cars in trains has been insufficient to speed up service. There is serious congestion and slowing down in the subway system due to the bottleneck which occurs between Park Street and Scollay Square Stations. Between these two points only two tracks exist. There are four tracks between Boylston Street and Park Street Stations, and again between Scollay Square and the North Station. To remedy these congested conditions the construction of a short connecting link of subway is imperative, so as to provide four tracks throughout the entire length from Boylston Street Station to the North Station. There has been a demand for the correction of this condition for years. This demand was set forth in the Metropolitan Recess Committee in 1945, in the annual report of the Boston Elevated Railway Trustees of the same year and in the report of the Trustees of the Metropolitan Transit Authority under date of March 15, 1948.

Part II provides that the department shall construct an addition to the existing Washington Street Tunnel connecting with said tunnel at or near the Boylston Street Station, running in a general southerly direction under

Washington street and under the right-of-way of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad and Boston & Albany Railroad to a point at or near Cobb street, thence running under public and private lands to Shawmut avenue at a point near Dover street, thence running under Shawmut avenue to a point at or near Arnold street, thence running under public and private lands to Washington street at a point near Eustis street, thence running under public and private lands to a new underground station at a point near Dudley street, thence running southwesterly under Washington street to a point near Bartlett street, thence running southerly under land of the authority to the southerly side of Guild street, thence emerging by way of an incline and Elevated structure on public and private lands connecting with the existing Elevated structure at a point on Washington street near Cedar street. Said addition to the existing Washington Street Tunnel includes a station at or near the junction of Shawmut avenue and Union Park street, a station at or near the junction of Shawmut avenue and West Springfield street, and a station at or near Dudley street.

Part II also provides that the Trustees of the Metropolitan Transit Authority shall make studies and estimates of cost of the removal of the Elevated structure between the point where the premises to be constructed connect with the present Elevated structure on Washington street near Cedar street and the present Forest Hills Station of the authority and the substitution therefor of a subway or of a combined subway and rapid transit line utilizing the right-of-way of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad, and shall make a report thereon to the General Court, together with drafts of any necessary legislation, not later than January 5, 1949.

Part II provides also that the trustees of the authority shall also make studies and estimates of cost of the removal of the Elevated structure between Haymarket square and Sullivan square in the City of Boston, and the substitution therefor of a subway or of a combined subway and rapid transit line utilizing proposed state highway construction between North Station and City square, and shall make a report thereon to the General Court, together with drafts of any necessary legislation, not later than January 5, 1949.

The act also provides that no construction relating to the Tremont Street Subway, the Scollay Square, Park Street and Boylston Street Stations can be done until a plan and estimates of costs indicating that the project can be completed at a cost not exceeding $11,500,000 is approved by the Department of Public Utilities and the contract for its use entered into between the Metropolitan Transit Authority and the City of Boston.

The act further provides that no construction relating to the Washington Street Tunnel can be done until a plan and estimates of costs indicating that the project can be completed at a cost not exceeding $19,000,000 is approved by the Department of Public Utilities and the contract for its use entered into between the Metropolitan Transit Authority and the City of Boston.

I recommend the acceptance of said chapter 622 of the Acts of 1948 relating to the aforesaid projects.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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Ordered, That chapter 622 of the Acts of 1948, entitled "An Act Providing for Certain Rapid Transit Improvements in the City of Boston," be, and hereby is, accepted.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received and referred to the committees named, viz.:

Claims.

John D. Clifford, for compensation for damage to property at 15 Parkdale road, caused by defect in water pipe.

Mrs. M. A. Cummings, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at 38 A street.

John R. Dennehy, for compensation for damage to car by car of Transit Department.

Catherine C. Dunn, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at Winter and Tremont streets.

Margaret Ellis, for compensation for damage to clothing during fire at Boston Sanatorium.

Pauline Goober, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at 121 Chambers street.

Daniel J. Hogan, for compensation for damage to car caused by an alleged defect at 242 Shawmut avenue.

Arthur B. Hood, to be reimbursed for loss of valuables at Carson Beach bathhouse.

William P. Lyons, for compensation for injuries received while on police duty.

Catherine T. McBrine, for compensation for damage to property at 11 Parkton road, caused by leak in water pipe.

Margaret McDonald, to be reimbursed for loss of clothing during fire at Boston Sanatorium.

Arthur D. McLean, for compensation for damage to car by city employees.

Cyprien Michaud, for compensation for damage to car caused by an alleged defect at Massachusetts and Columbus avenue.

Patrick A. Milan, to be reimbursed for collapse of water boiler at 14 Chelsea street, East Boston.

Mrs. Cornelius Murphy, for compensation for collapse of water boiler at 15 Boutwell street.

Ursula Ochlart, to be reimbursed for loss of clothing during fire at Boston Sanatorium.

James T. Rolfe, to be reimbursed for accident which occurred while in performance of duty.

Anne Romikaite, for compensation for damage to clothing during fire at Boston Sanatorium.

Cassandra Rose, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at Warren street.

John Shallah, to be reimbursed for execution issued against him.

Nathan Snyder, for compensation for damage to car by police car.

Adeline F. Urquhart, for compensation for damage to property at 11 Aldrich street, caused by backing up of sewage.

John J. and Mary A. Waul, for compensation for damage to property at 8 Westerly street, caused by leak in water pipe.

James D. Welch, for compensation for damage to car by city car.

Bessye L. Williams, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in Tremont street.

Henry J. Lucey, for compensation for damage to clothing caused by being spattered with tar from Sewer Department truck.

Miss M. Dowd, to be reimbursed for loss of clothing during fire at Boston Sanatorium.

Thomas H. McKenzie, to be reimbursed for execution issued against him.

To be reimbursed for used-car licenses, viz.:

Astoria Motor Sales, 4267 Washington street, Roslindale.

Bernard Motor Sales, 1013 Morton street, Dorchester.

Brighton Auto Sales, Inc., 29 Brighton avenue, Allston.

Bromberg Motors, 1575 Columbus avenue, Roxbury.

Circle Auto Sales, 530 Western avenue, Brighton.

Columbus Motor Sales, 1332 Columbus avenue, Roxbury.
Consolidated Motors, 1541 Columbus avenue, Roxbury.
David Motor Sales, 1641 Columbus avenue, Roxbury.
Dorchester Motor Exchange, 1306 Tremont street, Roxbury.
Edison Motor Car Company, 1136 Massachusetts avenue, Roxbury.
Fellsway Motors, Inc., 1033 Commonwealth avenue, Boston.
Fenway Park Motors, 1271 Boylston street, Boston.
Thomas R. Garvey Company, 954 Massachusetts avenue, Roxbury.
Gordon Motor Sales, 18 Talbot avenue, Dorchester.
Gracar Motor Sales, 879 Blue Hill avenue, Dorchester.
Hagan Motors, 1285 Dorchester avenue, Dorchester.
Highland Motor Exchange, 272 Washington street, Brighton.
Jackson Square Motors, 1474 Columbus avenue, Roxbury.
Kenmore Auto Sales, 573 Commonwealth avenue, Boston.
Kilsyth Motors, 1686 Commonwealth avenue, Brighton.
Knight-Sullivan, Inc., 1280 Boylston street, Boston.
Marvin Motor Company, 1785 Columbus avenue, Roxbury.
Mattapan Motor Sales, 1563 Blue Hill avenue, Mattapan.
Michael's Used Auto Exchange, 400 Dorchester avenue, South Boston.
Peters Motors Company, 230 Cambridge street, Allston.
Robert Motor Sales, 841 Massachusetts avenue, Roxbury.
Sente Motor Sales, 1526 Columbus avenue, Roxbury.
Leo P. Sullivan Company, 645 Hyde Park avenue, Roslindale.
Victory Motors, Inc., 960 Massachusetts avenue, Roxbury.
Williams Motor Company, Inc., 780 Gallivan Boulevard, Dorchester.

Executive.

Petition of Helen E. Rorke, to be paid annuity on account of death of husband, Joseph F. Rorke, late member of Fire Department.
Petition of Annie Johnson, to be paid annuity on account of death of husband, Olaf Johnson, late member of Police Department.

Licenses.

Petition of Plymouth and Brockton Street Railway Company to operate a bus route from Quincy line to Park square, over Neponset avenue, Adams street, Dorchester avenue, Dover street, Albany street and Broadway.

APPROVAL OF STATE BOARD OF HOUSING.

Notices were received from State Board of Housing of approval of expenditures for housing at River street and Hyde Park and South End projects.
Severally placed on file.

HEARINGS BEFORE PUBLIC UTILITIES DEPARTMENT.

Notice was received from the Department of Public Utilities of hearings to be held on petitions of the Metropolitan Transit Authority.
Petition for permit to operate motor vehicles over Columbia road, between Uphams Corner and Boston street; over Boston street, between Columbia road and Dorchester avenue; and Blue Hill avenue, between Warren street and Dudley street.
Hearings on above petitions to be held August 2.
Severally placed on file.

EXPENDITURES ON EAST BOSTON TUNNEL.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Finance Commission, July 21, 1948.

Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.

Honorable Sir:

Your attention is directed to the loose practices of the Boston Transit Commission in the recruitment and employment of its staff for the construction of the $8,500,000 Rapid Transit Tunnel extension in East Boston. It would appear from an investigation by the Finance Commission that in its management of this job, the transit authorities have been guilty of a wanton disregard of the proprieties expected in the management of city affairs. They have grossly abused the latitude allowed in the authorizing legislation to provide this opportunity for worthy war veterans to obtain employment.

Rather than affording an opportunity for the employment of veterans of skill and experience, the project appears to have been used as a haven for political friends and relatives of persons in administrative control. These friends and relatives have been appointed as technicians in fields in which they had had no training or experience and they have been allowed rates of pay which only the technically trained and experienced can command.

To make the situation more aggravating and confusing, the Transit Board has allowed the individual pay roll rating of a large number of them to be changed from time to time, presumably because many appointed were completely incapable of performing work of the kind which matched the rating under which they were originally employed, and often each change in rating was accompanied by an increase in pay. Furthermore, many of these changes in rating are incongruous, often being from designations which imply technical engineering training and experience to ratings implying accountancy training, or other specialized training not even remotely suggestive of the rating under which each was first appointed.

The investigators for the Finance Commission spent several weeks in efforts to match pay roll records with assignments. They observed that there was a complete lack of control of employees not only in the central office but in the field offices as well. "Assigned to the East Boston job" was all the central offices of the department could normally tell of any employee. Salaries are inflated far beyond standard salary ranges for the work allegedly performed. However, there were several instances found in which it appeared that a particular employee performed little, if any, work. Employees came and went as they pleased. When a particular employee could not be found on the job, the usual excuse given was simply "he is not working today."

Altogether this situation constitutes one of the most flagrantly uneconomical management jobs ever observed by the Finance Commission. Yet this particular $8,500,000 job is only the forerunner to a vast program of expenditure involving $30,000,000 which the 1948 Legislature has committed to the Boston Transit Commission. Unless there is an immediate reversal in the attitude of the Transit Commissioners in the execution of their responsibility in this large undertaking, the waste and extravagances which will develop will earn for this program the reputation of being the most scandalous of all time.

It is of striking significance that after two months of intensive checking of employees, Finance Commission investigators were suddenly notified by a resident engineer with whom they were trying to locate particular workers that he had just been ordered by an associate member of the Transit Commission to give no more information to the Finance Commission investigators. Thereafter he declined to answer questions. "Send the investigators to the main office for information" was the message which the resident engineer stated he had received from the associate board member. Subsequently, when verification of the edict was sought, the Chairman of the Transit Board stated to a representative of the Finance Commission that he knew nothing of the incident. He referred the inquiry to the associate board member stated to be responsible, but this member claimed that he had not given such instruction. Thereafter, representatives of the Finance Commission were informed by supervisors in the field that the Chairman of the Transit Board had given instructions to cooperate in the investigation.

On a job of this character, with hundreds of persons employed, it might reasonably be expected that at all times the department, in one place or another, would have record of the assignment of each employee; but in connection with this job no such record was kept. Early in the investigation, records were requested which would show the assignment of each employee. The information received from the executive on the job was that there was no such record kept there.

On June 9 similar request was made of the personnel director at the main office of the Transit Commission. There was no such record there either. However, claiming that it was possible to make it up from the pay roll records, the central office authority promised to produce it within a day or so. Finance Commission investigators had already examined the pay roll and could not obtain from its data any suggestion of assignments. None of the requested data came to the Finance Commission until June 15 and June 16. That then submitted contained the assignment of only a portion of the employees being paid. More data was supplied on June 22, but this still left many persons receiving pay under technical ratings still unaccounted for. In fact, to the date of this writing, the Finance Commission has not been able to obtain a complete assignment record of all the technically-rated employees paid.

This assignment record is important because it often happened that when inquiry was made of a particular individual whose name had appeared regularly on the pay roll, but whom the Finance Commission representatives could not locate on the job, the report would come that he had just resigned or had been transferred to another city department. Yet, even the assignments as shown in the data submitted turned out to be unreliable. Employees supposedly assigned to a particular sphere were unknown to the supervising officials in the sphere of activity named. In the constant shifting of employees from one rating to another, with the evident lack of control of the working time of the employees, it is not surprising that the department failed to make and keep a reliable record of assignments. This difficulty is, however, not a justification for the situation.

The authorizing statute for this job intended that it be accomplished by qualified veterans of World War I and World War II. Qualified veterans on civil service lists were to be given preference. However, it was discovered early that the civil service classified list of engineers and transitmen had run out. Thereupon, the Transit Commission began to place many of its own selections on the pay roll and gave them these engineering ratings. Most of them had no engineering background whatever.

In addition, when it was found that there was no list available for appointments under various other technical ratings, advantage was taken of that fact to crowd the pay rolls with personal acquaintances under other technical ratings without regard to experience and training. Among those appointed with engineering or other technical ratings were bartenders, tavernkeepers, an undertaker, chauffeurs, a drawtender, a longshoreman, a filling station manager, a clerk, a brewery worker, etc.

The extravagance and looseness in this expenditure of public money is illustrated by the members of the Transit Board in providing automobiles and service for themselves. Customarily, one car served the Board. That one was usually assigned to the Chairman of the Board, who is the executive officer. His associates have responsibility only as members of the Board. The secretary of the Board has always been regarded as the office executive. Now each member and the secretary has been provided with his own car and his own chauffeur. One of these chauffeurs is carried on the pay roll as a pipelayer, another as a laborer, and the other two as working foremen-chauffeurs. The last-named, rating usually goes to an employee who works and supervises a group of workers and drives a truck which serves the group.

This particular situation is made the more ridiculous by the rates of pay allowed these four chauffeurs. One, who happens to chauffeur an associate board member, draws $4,000 a year. The Chairman's chauffeur receives approximately $2,868; the third board member's chauffeur's salary rate is $1.65 an hour; and the secretary's chauffeur receives $1 an hour. In all these cases overtime pay is allowed, which frequently amounts to a very substantial sum. It is scarcely necessary to point out to you that your own chauffeur is paid $3,500 while being carried on the East Boston transit job pay roll as a battery and ignition man.

The Transit Board employs at the central office a person called "personnel director." When the Finance Commission started the investigation his records consisted of nothing more than identification data of each person employed. He had no record of previous employment or experience or training of any employee. After persons are appointed, in the words of the personnel director, "they are assigned to work they are most adapted to." They are paid a liberal rate for the named classification of their employment, but as previously stated, classification does not mean, in this case, qualifications. Many are performing tasks that merit much lower rates of pay. In other words, it seems to be the policy of the Transit Board to fix the rate of pay which will be given to an individual first, then give him a rating that will appear to justify that pay, and then assign him to whatever he can do regardless of his rating and pay. It is needless to say, perhaps, that no one paid a laborer's rate is an experienced and capable engineer, but many given ratings in the technical grades are performing work which necessitates much less in skill and training. As an illustration, of seven carried on the rolls as cost analysts and paid a liberal wage as such, only two were performing tasks which could be construed as cost analysis.

To illustrate further the situation described in the foregoing, the Commission invites your attention to the following instances of employment:

A man originally appointed as a transitman at $2,500 a year is listed in the 1947 police list as a bartender. Within the last few days his working rating has been changed to that of bookkeeper.

Another listed also in the directory as a bartender was appointed as assistant engineer, Grade III, at $2,300. His rating was later changed to that of a transitman with an increase of pay to $2,500 and then approximately seven months later, his rating was again changed back to assistant engineer, Grade III, with another increase to $2,900; later, his rating was changed to construction foreman at $3,300.

A transitman at $2,500 a year is found on the police list as a bartender and laborer.

An assistant engineer, Grade III, at $2,300 a year is listed for several years as the proprietor of a cafe located on Washington street, South End, later, his rating was changed to assistant accountant. His home address as given in the records is the same as that of one of the associate board members.

A lumber inspector at $2,500 a year is listed for the past few years as proprietor of a cafe in Jamaica Plain.

A transitman at $2,500 a year is listed as a proprietor of a grille.

All three of the above-mentioned cafe or grill proprietors resigned after the Finance Commission began its investigation.

A construction foreman at $3,100 a year is listed as a shipfitter and brewery worker and chauffeur.

An assistant truck dispatcher at $2,500. Rating changed to assistant blueprinter at $2,700. At the time of his employment he carried on the business of undertaker, both from an address in Jamaica Plain and an office in Braintree. The official Boston street listing for 1948 gives his 1947 residence as Braintree. In his private business as undertaker, he was one of four undertakers hired from time to time by the Public Welfare Board of Overseers to bury pauper dead, and between January 1, 1948, and the date of this report was paid by the Welfare Department $1,725.50 for such service. In April of 1948 charges were publicly made that in violation of his contract with the Welfare Board he buried paupers without clothes. This charge was substantiated when the director of the board arranged the disinterment of bodies. The undertaker-blueprinter was allowed to suitably cover the bodies and the matter was then considered a closed affair without other penalty. The charter requirement that an employee having an interest in a contract with the city must notify the Finance Commission, the City Council and the Mayor was not complied with.

A rodman at $2,000 a year. This man was formerly Registrar of Veterans' Graves, from which position he was removed by the Mayor. Since the Finance Commission investigation began, he has become an employee of the Boston Housing Authority.

A transitman at $2,500 a year is listed for the past two years as a gasoline filling station manager; he actually performs clerical work in the department, assisting in the work of timekeeping.

A transitman at $2,300 a year is listed for the past two years as an instructor and teacher.

A transitman at $2,500 a year is listed as a State Representative. This man has resigned since our investigation started. The personnel director stated the work performed by this man consisted of handling the legislative bills pending in the Legislature.

An assistant clerk of works at $3,000 a year. We are unable to locate the name of this man in Boston directories or in street books at address shown on employment records. He admits, however, that he never had any previous experience in construction work.

A draftsman at $2,300 a year is listed in directories as a clerk.

A chief clerk of works at $5,000 a year is listed for the past several years as a railroad coordinator (labor relations man).

An assistant clerk of works at $2,500 a year. We are unable to locate the name in Boston directories or listing in street books at the address given on the employment record. However, he is a nephew of the assistant chief engineer of the department, who stated that this man was in the Navy and after discharge worked at the Raynham dog track.

A cost analyst at $3,500 a year is listed as a bottler and a clerk. While the rate of pay of cost analysts in the department prevails at $2,500 to $3,000 a year, this man starts employment at this rating at a salary of $3,500 a year, in spite of his lack of previous experience in this field. He is actually in charge of the pay roll work on the job.

A cost analyst at $3,000 a year has been in the employ of the department as a draftsman until rating was changed on November 3, 1947, at which time he received an increase of salary of $500.

A materials inspector at $2,500 a year is listed for past several years as the proprietor of a weekly county publication; also has been proprietor of the Suffolk County Company (real estate); also was the proprietor until recently of a meat and provision store in Jamaica Plain.

A foreman of subway construction at $1.50 an hour. We were unable to find this man on the job. He is not listed in Boston directories for past few years, nor in street books at address shown on employment records.

A construction foreman at $3,100 a year. This man was an assistant drawtender at Chelsea North Bridge from June, 1944, to time of his transfer on June 2, 1947, to Transit Department with an increase of salary of $800, and nine months later received a further increase of $300. This man was not found on the East Boston job at time of visit and investigators were informed he was working with a field party in Dorchester, which has no connection with the East Boston transit job.

An engineer, Grade III, at $2,500 a year is listed for past several years as a salesman.

An engineer, Grade III, at $2,800 a year is listed as a salesman.

An electrical engineer, Grade II, at $2,400 a year is listed as a chauffeur.

A transitman at $2,500 a year is listed as a clerk.

A transitman at $2,500 a year is listed for past several years as a guard or clerk.

An engineer, Grade IV, at $3,800 a year. His name could not be found in the Boston directories, nor is he listed in the street books at the address appearing on employment records, but his address on the pay roll records corresponds to the address of a secretary in the Mayor's office. This man is not an engineer, nor had he ever worked at this profession. In talking with an authority at the East Boston office, his duties appeared to be those of assistant clerk of works. Later the rating of this man was changed to that of accountant.

A transitman at $2,500 a year is listed for several years as a clerk in the post office.

A transitman at $2,500 a year is listed as a clerk in the Veterans' Reception and Information Center.

A transitman at $2,500 a year is listed for past several years as a musician.

A transitman at $2,500 a year is listed as a laborer.

A construction foreman at $1.50 an hour is listed as a barge attendant at Navy Yard and accountant.

A construction foreman at $2,800 a year is listed as an instructor and merchant.

A foreman of subway construction at $1.50 an hour is listed as an accountant.

A working foreman-chauffeur at $4,000 a year is listed as chauffeur and clerk. Started work with department as a rodman; rating later changed to that of battery and ignition man, and later to present rating with a total increase in salary of $2,000—all within a period of 17 months.

A foreman of subway construction at $2 an hour is listed as a blacksmith and factory worker.

A construction foreman at $2,800 a year is listed for several years as police officer of State Police.

A foreman of subway construction at $1.50 an hour is listed as a salesman.

A personnel director at $4,200 a year has been employed in the department for the past few years as a working foreman-chauffeur. He is a former member of the Legislature.

An assistant clerk of works was originally employed in the department as a rodman; promoted to draftsman, then to assistant clerk of works, and within the last few days rating has again been changed to that of a pipelayer—all changes accompanied with increases in pay. At time of investigators' visit, this man was actually working in making blueprints, although at the time he was on the pay roll as an assistant clerk of works. Listings show this man's previous experience to be that of a plumber.

A permanent employee had a rating of battery and ignition man until January 27, 1948, at which time he was temporarily transferred to the Street Laying-Out Department at the same rating at $3,000 a year. On April 21, 1948, he was again transferred back to the Transit Department and his name first appears on the transit pay roll of April 27, 1948, as a working foreman-chauffeur at $3,600 a year. Subsequently his rating became again "battery and ignition man." However, actual employment is and has been as your own chauffeur.

A Workmen's Compensation Agent at $2,500 a year. We are unable to obtain any information in regard to this man in the Boston directories and cannot find him listed in street books at address furnished in employment record. In connection with the above employment, the department is paying $500 a year to a Workmen's Compensation Agent of the Public Works Department for like service rendered by him.

An equipment inspector at $3,000 a year. The directories list this man as a servicer of oil burners.

A claim agent. The only information obtainable about this man is that the 1947 directory shows him to be a general clerk at the Veterans' Administration Department.

It appears from the above examination of the background of those employed that men with occupational backgrounds such as longshoreman, bartender, salesman, blacksmith, chauffeur, quickly jumped into ratings of transitman, cost analyst and construction foreman immediately upon employment, and again, within the space of a few months, became accountants and truck dispatchers—thus displaying a versatility possessed by few mortals.

The following sample list illustrates the jumping around the occupational checkerboard after recruitment:

CHANGES IN RATINGS.

Transitman—Head Timekeeper.
Transitman—Bookkeeper.
Engineer, Grade IV—Accountant.
Rodman—Draftsman-Assistant Clerk of Works-Pipelayer.
Assistant Engineer—Transitman-Assistant Engineer-Construction Foreman.
Materials Inspector—Safety Engineer.
Assistant Truck Dispatcher—Assistant Blueprinter.
Lumber Inspector—Foreman.
Transitman—Stenographer.
Materials Inspector—Stenographer.
Rodman—Materials Inspector-Truck Dispatcher.
Painter—Pipelayer.
Assistant Engineer—Assistant Accountant.
Working Foreman-Chauffeur—Personnel Director.
Rodman—Battery and Ignition Man-Working Foreman Chauffeur.
Draftsman—Cost Analyst.
Transitman—Assistant Clerk of Works.
Rodman—Assistant Truck Dispatcher.
Materials Inspector—Pipelayer.
Rodman—Cost Analyst.
Transitman—Assistant Cost Analyst.
Rodman—Assistant Cost Analyst.
Transitman—Assistant Cost Analyst.
Construction Foreman—Materials Inspector.
Transitman—Laborer.

The real explanation of the change from a technical engineering rating apparently is the fact that the men were unable to perform the technical work for which they were ostensibly hired and were used to perform clerical work in one form or another, although dignified by titles which were more impressive and more compatible with the salaries provided; also, titles for which there was no civil service list of eligibles. It is significant that although the change in rating may have been one or more steps down the occupational ladder, it was usually accompanied by a salary increase.

Illustrative of the largess of the Transit Board, the salary increases were frequent and bountiful. The following sample list of twenty cases makes this clear:

Time Period.	Salary Change.	Amount of Increase.
Within 8 months	$4,500-$7,900	$3,400
Within 8 months	4,000- 6,400	2,400
Within 8 months	3,600- 6,000	2,400
Within 10 months	4,000- 6,000	2,000
Within 6 months	2,400- 3,300	900
Within 13 months	2,600- 3,300	700
Within 8 months	3,100- 4,200	1,100
Within 8 months	2,100- 3,700	1,600
Within 7 months	2,300- 2,900	600
Within 8 months	3,300- 5,000	1,700
Within 8 months	2,500- 4,200	1,700
Within 8 months	1,700- 3,300	1,600
Within 8 months	3,100- 4,000	1,100
Within 9 months	3,700- 6,000	2,300
Within 8 months	2,300- 3,300	1,000
Within 13 months	2,400- 3,300	900
Within 8 months	3,200- 4,560	1,360
Within 13 months	2,500- 3,600	1,100
Within 12 months	3,000- 4,200	1,200
Within 11 months	2,000- 4,000	2,000

Average 8.7 months. Average increase, $1,553.
Average increase for month, $178.50.

From the foregoing recitation of the acts of the Transit Board in the recruitment of a staff for the execution of this construction job, in the ceaseless changing around of the employees from one rating to another, and in the frequent and substantial grants of salary increases, it is obvious that the Board has used the opportunities presented by a wide latitude of authority and the weaknesses of the civil service law to place friends and relatives of their own or of others with power and influence on the pay roll in such a way as to constitute a violation of public decency.

It is apparent that fitness and qualifications of appointees seldom, if ever, entered the minds of the executive authorities. It is again apparent that persons were employed whether or not there was work for them to do, and that they were paid not according to their worth but in accordance with the willingness of the Transit Authority to "hand out" the public funds to each. To employ an undertaker first as an assistant truck dispatcher and then as an assistant blueprinter, to employ bartenders as engineers and accountants and to employ tavern or cafe owners under similar ratings and to give these people the rates of pay which usually go with jobs requiring technical training is a downright perversion of authority. To allow such a board to manage the expenditure of $30,000,000 more for transit purposes is fraught with the gravest danger to the economical administration of this large sum and to the expectation that all the public services which these funds have been authorized to provide will be realized within the limitations of that amount.

The administration and payment for many of the rated technical and administrative jobs make it obvious that personnel costs in

the $1,600,000 thus far spent have been enormously inflated. How much greater such inflation will be in the remaining part of the current tunnel program and the $30,000,000 undertaking, if such methods are followed, is easy to imagine.

The above disclosures indicate the necessity of a drastic change in the personnel and procedures of the Boston Transit Commission.

Respectfully submitted,
JOSEPH K. COLLINS, Chairman,
ALEXANDER WHEELER,
LEO J. DUNN,
FREDERICK DEANE,
EDWARD F. MULLEN,
The Finance Commission.

ROBERT E. CUNNIFF, Secretary.

Placed on file.

RESIGNATION OF ALFRED C. HOLLAND.

Notice was received of the resignation of Alfred C. Holland as stenographer-clerk to the City Council.

Placed on file.

APPOINTMENT OF WILLIAM J. O'CONNELL.

On motion of Councilor Sullivan it was voted to proceed with the election of a clerk to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Alfred C. Holland.

The Clerk called the roll with the following result:

For William J. O'Connell—Councilors Beades, Bryan, Cantwell, Chase, Coffey, Cook, Hannon, Hurley, Keenan, Kinsella, Lane, Lanigan, Linehan, McCormack, Ramsey, Shanley, Sullivan, Tracy, Wenzler and Yerxa—20.

William J. O'Connell was declared elected as Clerk in the City Council.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONFIRMATIONS.

Coun. BRYAN, for the Committee on Confirmations, submitted the following:

Report on appointments by the Mayor (referred July 19) of Robert Graham, Daniel Fitzgerald, Raymond P. Severance, James D. Scheele, Kevin J. McAvoy, Stephen J. Molloy, Donald H. Nickerson and Phillip A. Taylor as Weighers of Goods for term ending April 30, 1949—recommending confirmation of the appointments.

Report on appointment by the Mayor (referred July 19) of James J. Briody as Weigher of Coal for term ending April 30, 1949—recommending confirmation of appointment.

Report on appointment by the Mayor (referred July 19) of William Campbell to be Constable, not authorized to serve civil process and to serve without bond, for term ending April 30, 1949—recommending confirmation of appointment.

The reports were accepted, and the question came on confirmation. Committee, Councilors Beades and Tracy. Whole number of ballots 16; yeas 16, and the appointments were confirmed.

EXCHANGE OF LANDS WITH COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

On motion of Councilor Coffey the Council called up, under unfinished business, No. 2 on the calendar, viz.:

2. Order for exchange with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts of lands in East Boston for recreation and airport development.

On July 19, 1948, the said order was read once and passed, yeas 17, nays 0.

The question came on giving the order its second reading and passage. The order was passed, yeas 18, nays 0:

Yeas—Councilors Beades, Bryan, Cantwell, Chase, Coffey, Cook, Hannon, Hurley, Keenan, Kinsella, Lanigan, Linehan, McCormack, Ramsey, Shanley, Sullivan, Tracy, Wenzler—18.

Nays—0.

Voting Present—Councilor Yerxa.

SALE OF OLD CABOT STREET FIREHOUSE.

On motion of Councilor Sullivan the Council called up, under unfinished business, No. 1 on the calendar, viz.:

1. Order for sale of land and building on Cabot street, to William E. Carter Post, No. 16, American Legion, for $100.

On July 6, 1948, the said order was read once and passed, yeas 19, nays 0.

The question came on giving the order its second reading and passage. The order was passed, yeas 19, nays 0:

Yeas—Councilors Beades, Bryan, Cantwell, Chase, Coffey, Cook, Hannon, Hurley, Keenan, Kinsella, Lanigan, Linehan, McCormack, Ramsey, Shanley, Sullivan, Tracy, Wenzler, Yerxa—19.

Nays—0.

THE NEXT MEETING.

On motion of Councilor Sullivan the Council voted that when it adjourn it be to meet on Monday, August 30, at 2 p. m.

ACCEPTANCE OF CHAPTER 604 OF ACTS OF 1948.

Coun. HANNON and BRYAN offered the following:

Ordered, That chapter 604 of the Acts of 1948, entitled "An Act to Permit the Payment of Additional Compensation to Police Officers of the City of Boston During Assignment as Detectives," be, and the same is hereby, accepted.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE CONCERNING AUTOMATIC AMUSEMENT DEVICES.

On motion of Councilor Beades the ordinance (referred July 6) concerning operation of automatic amusement devices by minors, was recalled from the Committee on Ordinances.

The ordinance was recalled. Councilor Cook moved reconsideration of the foregoing vote, but reconsideration did not prevail.

The question then came on the passage of the ordinance, and the ordinance was rejected.

REQUEST FOR REMOVAL BY GOVERNOR OF JOSEPH K. COLLINS.

Coun. COFFEY offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to demand from the Governor of the Commonwealth immediate action to accomplish the removal of Joseph K. Collins, present Chairman of the Boston Finance Commission.

The question came on the suspension of the rule. The rule was not suspended (15 votes being required) for suspension, yeas 9, nays 4:

Yeas—Councilors Bryan, Coffey, Cook, Keenan, Kinsella, Linehan, Ramsey, Shanley, Wenzler—9.

Nays—Councilors Beades, Carey, Chase, Yerxa—4.

Voting Present—Councilors Hannon, Lanigan, Sullivan, Tracy—4.

On motion of Councilor Linehan the foregoing vote was reconsidered. The question came on the suspension of the rule and the rule was suspended. The question then came on the adoption of the order. The order was rejected, yeas 4, nays 9:

Yeas—Councilors Coffey, Kinsella, Shanley, Wenzler—4.

Nays—Councilors Beades, Bryan, Carey, Chase, Cook, Lane, Linehan, Ramsey, Yerxa—9.

Voting Present—Councilors Hannon, Lanigan, Sullivan, Tracy—4.

DEATH OF CHARLES S. O'CONNOR.

Coun. BRYAN, HANNON, and CANTWELL offered the following:

Resolved, That the City Council of the City of Boston, in meeting assembled, expresses its deep regret at the passing of Charles S. O'Connor, Clerk of the Massachusetts Supreme Court, who for half a century was recognized and renowned as a high-principled gentleman of exemplary habits and profound knowledge and ability.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

SOFTBALL FACILITIES NEAR MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL.

Coun. COOK offered the following:

Ordered, That the Park Commission and School Committee be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to arrange for facilities near the Memorial High School in order that softball may be played.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

Coun. CAREY, for the Committee on Finance, submitted the following:

Report on message of Mayor and order (referred May 10) for appropriation of $50,000, for fire station, Hyde Park—that same ought to pass.

The report was accepted, and the order was passed, yeas 14, nays 0:

Yeas—Councilors Beades, Chase, Cook, Hannon, Kinsella, Lane, Lanigan, Linehan, Ramsey, Shanley, Sullivan, Tracy, Wenzler, Yerxa—14.

Nays—0.

NAMING OF JUNCTION IN MEMORY OF JOSEPH PETER KELLY.

Coun. McCORMACK and TRACY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Special Committee to Memorialize Veterans be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to recommend the naming of the space at the junction of Forbes and Centre streets, Jamaica Plain, Ward 19, Sergt. Joseph Peter Kelly Square, in honor of a veteran of World War II who was killed in action.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

DANGEROUS CONDITION ON NEW HAVEN PROPERTY, WARD 19.

Coun. McCORMACK and TRACY offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to communicate with the Department of Public Utilities urging them to investigate the dangerous condition existing along the roadway of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad from Lamartine and Mozart streets to Mt. Hope, Ward 19, the scene of many fatal accidents.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

INSTALLATION OF ELECTRIC LIGHTS, WARD 8.

Coun. HURLEY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Public Works Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to install street lights on Randall street, Roxbury, Ward 8.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE CONCERNING AUTOMATIC AMUSEMENT DEVICES.

Coun. BEADES offered the following:

City of Boston.

In the Year Nineteen Hundred and Forty-Eight.

An Ordinance Relative to the Construction of Licenses for Automatic Amusement Devices, Concerning the Operation of Certain Such Devices by Minors, and Regarding the Operation by Minors of Juke Boxes, Music Boxes and Phonographs.

Be it ordained by the City Council of Boston, as follows:

Section 101A of chapter 40 of the Revised Ordinances of 1947, as inserted by chapter 1, and amended by chapter 2, of the Ordinances of 1948, is hereby further amended by striking out paragraph (6) and inserting in place thereof the following paragraph:

(6) No person keeping or offering for operation or allowing to be kept or offered for operation any automatic amusement device licensed under this section shall permit a minor to operate the same unless it is a juke box, music box or phonograph; nor shall he use, or permit to be used, for the purpose of gambling, any automatic amusement device licensed under this section; and nothing in any license granted under this section shall be construed to license, authorize or permit any automatic amusement device which is illegal or unlawful for any reason apart from this section.

Referred to the Committee on Ordinances.

ACCEPTANCE OF ASHLAND STREET, WARD 16.

Coun. BEADES offered the following:

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out Ashland street, Ward 16, as a public highway.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

NAMING OF JUNCTION IN MEMORY OF JAMES F. COLLINS.

Coun. SHANLEY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Mayor's Committee recommend the naming of the square at the junction of Franklin and Fern streets, Ward 22, in honor of the memory of Sergt. James F. Collins, deceased hero of World War II.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

IMPROVEMENTS TO CHANDLER'S POND.

Coun. SHANLEY offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to direct the Park Commissioner to proceed forthwith with the cleaning of Chandler's Pond in the Alice E. Gallagher Park, Ward 22, and to arrange for the prompt installation of swings, slides, and other playground equipment for the use of small children.

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to direct the trustees of the George

Robert White Fund to study the advisability of preparing the facilities at Chandler's Pond, Ward 22, for bathing purposes.

Severally passed under suspension of the rule.

TRAFFIC SIGNALS, WARD 15.

Coun. RAMSEY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Traffic Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to install traffic signs at both ends of Everton and Trull streets, Ward 15.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

BARRING NAMES OF COMMUNISTS FROM BALLOT.

Coun. KEENAN offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to confer with the Secretary of State for the purpose of barring the name of any communist from the ballot at the coming State primaries and election.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

TREMLETT STREET SIDEWALKS, WARD 17.

Coun. KEENAN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to replace the red brick sidewalks on Tremlett street, Ward 17, with granolithic.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

INVESTIGATION ON EVICTIONS OF TENANTS.

Coun. WENZLER offered the following :

Ordered, That the Corporation Counsel of the City of Boston be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to investigate the time allowances granted to tenants on eviction cases in the City of Boston; and further be it

Ordered, That the Corporation Counsel of the City of Boston be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to recommend to the Administrative Committee of the district courts that tenants in eviction cases be granted at least eight months time to move.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

PAINTING OF PEDESTRIAN TRAFFIC LINES.

Coun. WENZLER offered the following:

Ordered, That the Traffic Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to paint white markings on all cross walks as was done heretofore in South Boston.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

CLEANING OF CARSON BEACH.

Coun. WENZLER offered the following:

Ordered, That the Park Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to take immediate steps to clean up the rubbish and glass at Carson Beach for the protection of the children and grownups.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

On motion of Councilor Sullivan, the Council voted to adjourn at 4.55 p. m., to meet again on Monday, August 30, 1948, at 2 p. m.

Note: All debate of City Council eliminated from proceedings in accordance with Chapter 447, Acts of 1947.

(Stenographic copy of such debate on file in office of City Clerk.)

CITY OF BOSTON PRINTING DEPARTMENT

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of City Council.

Monday, August 30, 1948.

Regular meeting of the City Council held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 2 p. m., President HANNON in the chair. Absent, Councilor Sullivan.

The meeting was opened with the salute to the Flag.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR.

Subject to confirmation by the Council, the Mayor submitted the following appointments for the term ending April 30, 1949:

Weigher of Coal: Edward Novick, 350 Seaver street, Dorchester, Mass.

Weigher of Goods: Reed Freeman, 9 Reservoir street, Hyde Park, Mass.

Severally referred to the Committee on Confirmations.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF ANNUITY PAYMENTS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, August 12, 1948.

To the Honorable City Council.

Gentlemen:

There has been a marked tendency in recent years for persons whose petitions for an annuity under General Laws (Ter. Ed.), chapter 32, section 89, as amended, are denied to reapply until an annuity is voted. For the last decade or so, the practice has been to make the annuity, when finally granted, retroactive to the date of the policeman's or fireman's death.

Several months ago, when I had occasion to approve an order passed by your Honorable Body granting such an annuity, it occurred to me that the procedure might be open to criticism, and, therefore, I wrote the Corporation Counsel requesting that the matter be studied and recommendations made. Enclosed is a copy of the reply I received today from him.

For the reasons stated in the Corporation Counsel's communication, I propose not to approve in the future any order adopted by your Honorable Body which grants an annuity under General Laws (Ter. Ed.), chapter 32, section 89, as amended, unless by the terms of the order the annuity is to be effective only from and after the date I approve the order.

Respectfully yours,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Law Department, August 12, 1948.

Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Mr. Mayor:

This is in reply to your letter requesting that I recommend a policy to be adopted with respect to the effective date of annuities granted under General Laws (Ter. Ed.) chapter 32, section 89, as amended.

The Supreme Judicial Court had occasion to consider this matter in 1946 in the case of *Tolman* v. *Selectmen of Brookline*, 319 Mass. 382. As the court pointed out in that case (p. 385) there are three conditions precedent which must be fulfilled before an annuity is payable under the statute. First, the policeman or fireman must have been killed, or died from injuries received, or died as a natural and proximate result of undergoing a hazard peculiar to his employment, while in the performance of his duty. Second, it must be proved to the satisfaction of the Mayor and City Council that the policeman's or fireman's death was the natural and proximate result of an accident occurring, or of undergoing a hazard peculiar to his employment, while he was acting in the performance and within the scope of his duty. Third, a majority of the members of a board of physicians must certify to the City Treasurer that the death was the natural and proximate result of the said injury or hazard. If these conditions are all fulfilled, then, and then only, shall an annuity be paid.

In the *Tolman* case, by the explicit language of the selectmen's vote, the annuity was effective from the date of that vote. The court expressly held that there is no provision in the statute requiring that the annuity be made retroactive to the date of death. It is thus well settled that it is perfectly proper to make an annuity effective only from and after your Honor's approval of the City Council's order.

There is in the statute no provision expressly giving the Mayor and City Council authority to make an annuity retroactive for any period; and I have found no case holding that the statute contains any such provision by implication. To make an annuity retroactive is to make an annuity effective for a period prior to the fulfillment of all the conditions mentioned above. Plainly, an annuity could not be made retroactive to a date preceding the fulfillment of the first condition, *i.e.*, the death of the policeman or fireman. The statute manifests no intent that either of the other conditions should be construed as any less vital. While in the *Tolman* case (p. 385) the court assumed that an annuity might be made retroactive for some period, the aspect of the matter to which attention has just been called gives rise to serious doubt whether, if required to decide the precise question, the court would say that an annuity could be made retroactive even for a day.

With the law in this state, the obviously wiser policy for your Honor to adopt is to approve an order of the City Council granting an annuity under General Laws (Ter. Ed.), chapter 32, section 89, as amended, only if the annuity is to be effective from and after the date of your approval.

Respectfully yours,
JOSEPH A. SCOLPONETI,
Corporation Counsel.

Placed on file.

BLACKINTON SCHOOL FOR VETERANS' HOUSING.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, August 6, 1948.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication received from the Boston Housing Authority relative to your order of July 19, 1948, requesting the Boston Housing Authority so take over the Blackinton School for veterans' housing purposes.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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Boston Housing Authority,
10 Post Office Square, Boston.
August 4, 1948.

Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.

Subject: Proposed Veterans' Housing Development, Blackinton School Site, East Boston.

Dear Mr. Mayor:

With reference to the City Council order of July 19, 1948, in which the Honorable, the City Council requested through you that this Authority consider erecting a development on the Blackinton School site, I am pleased to inform you that this Authority will endeavor to accomplish that objective.

The Authority has already contacted the School Committee with a view to securing the site, which, of course, you must approve.

Promptly the land is available, this Authority will file an application for approval of this development with the State Housing Board. If the application is approved the Authority will proceed as rapidly as possible with the development.

Very truly yours,
CORNELIUS P. CRONIN, Chairman.

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NONDISCRIMINATORY CLAUSE IN BOSTON HOUSING AUTHORITY CONTRACTS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, August 6, 1948.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication received from the Boston Housing Authority relative to your order of July 19, 1948, that there be no discrimination or segregation because of race, color or creed, religion or national origin in the matter of selecting tenants, the fixing of rentals, and in the maintenance and operation of a project.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Boston Housing Authority,
10 Post Office Square, Boston.
August 4, 1948.

Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.
Subject: City Council Order of July 19, 1948, Concerning Discrimination.
Dear Mr. Mayor:

The subject matter of the City Council order referred to above was discussed with a committee of the City Council before adoption.

The Authority wishes to advise you it is cognizant of the wishes of the Council in this matter.

Very truly yours,
CORNELIUS P. CRONIN, Chairman.

Placed on file.

FIVE-DAY WEEK FOR CITY HOSPITAL EMPLOYEES.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, August 4, 1948.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Boston City Hospital relative to your order of July 19, 1948, requesting the trustees to establish a five-day week for all employees of the Boston City Hospital.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Hospital Department, August 3, 1948.

Mr. Lawrence P. Gilligan,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Mr. Gilligan:

The trustees are in receipt of the order of the Council calling for a five-day week for all employees.

The trustees beg me to inform you that they are working on setting up such a plan and will be ready to put it into effect when the order has been signed by his Honor the Mayor.

Very truly yours,
JAMES W. MANARY, M. D.,
Superintendent.

Placed on file.

BARRING NAMES OF COMMUNISTS FROM BALLOT.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, August 10, 1948.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication received from the office of the Secretary of State relative to your order of August 2, 1948, concerning barring from the ballot the name of any communist candidate at the coming State primary or election.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts,
Office of the Secretary, August 9, 1948.

Mr. Lawrence P. Gilligan,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Mr. Gilligan:

Replying to yours of August 6 concerning action of the Boston City Council requesting the Secretary of State to confer with the Mayor for the purpose of barring the name of any communist from the ballot at the coming State primaries and election, examination has been made of all nomination papers filed for the State election of the present year and no papers appear with the party or political designation of "communist."

Very truly yours,
FREDERIC W. COOK, Secretary.

Placed on file.

TRACKLESS TROLLEY SYSTEM ON CERTAIN LINES.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, August 11, 1948.

To the City Council:
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Metropolitan Transit Authority relative to your order of June 28, 1948, concerning the installation of a trackless trolley system on the Egleston-Dudley and Egleston-Arborway lines.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Metropolitan Transit Authority.
August 10, 1948.

Mr. Lawrence P. Gilligan,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Sir:

In connection with your communication relative to installation of trackless trolleys on the Egleston and Arborway lines, it will not be physically possible, without great expense on the West Loop, to operate trackless trolleys on these lines.

When the construction work and new service is completed at Dudley street it is proposed to analyze and see just what can be worked out in connection with service from Egleston to Dudley. This car line operates to the West Loop where ample room exists, whereas on the East Loop and downstairs we are extremely congested.

Very truly yours,
EDWARD DANA,
General Manager.

Placed on file.

BUS STOP — SOUTH BOSTON.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, August 12, 1948.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Metropolitan Transit Authority relative to your order of July 19, 1948, requesting the establishment of a bus stop at the corner of N and East Sixth streets, South Boston.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Metropolitan Transit Authority.
August 11, 1948.

Mr. Lawrence P. Gilligan,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Sir:

Consideration has been given to the request contained in order of the City Council received with your letter of July 21, and arrangements are being made by our Transportation Department to establish the desired bus stop at N and East Sixth streets, South Boston.

Very truly yours,
EDWARD DANA,
General Manager.

Placed on file.

TRAFFIC SIGNS, WARD 15.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, August 19, 1948.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Traffic Commission relative to your order of August 2, 1948, concerning the installing of traffic signs at both ends of Everton and Trull streets, Ward 15.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Traffic Commission, August 17, 1948.
Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.
Dear Sir:
In reply to blue memo dated August 6, 1948, referring to City Council order dated August 2, 1948, requesting the Traffic Commission to install traffic signs at both ends of Everton and Trull streets, please be advised that an investigation was made by the engineers of this department of traffic conditions on and in the vicinity of Everton street and Trull street.
The substance of the report submitted was that there were very few drivers using these streets who are not entirely familiar with traffic conditions as both streets are residential and are more or less inaccessible to general traffic.
At the request of Councilor Ramsey I made a personal investigation of these streets and feel that, while warning signs constitute an important part of our safety program, there are so many other streets more deserving of our attention that I respectfully recommend that no action be taken at the present time.
Respectfully submitted,
LEO F. CURLEY, Commissioner.
Placed on file.

PAINTING OF PEDESTRIAN TRAFFIC LINES.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, August 11, 1948.
To the City Council.
Gentlemen:
I transmit herewith communication received from the Boston Traffic Commission relative to your order of August 2, 1948, concerning the painting of white markings on all crosswalks as was done heretofore in South Boston.
Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Traffic Commission, August 10, 1948.
Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.
Dear Sir:
In reply to blue memo signed by Lawrence P. Gilligan, Chief Clerk, regarding Council order dated August 2, 1948, requesting that the Traffic Commission paint white markings on all crosswalks as was done heretofore in South Boston, please be advised that the painting program, at the present time, is underway and will include the repainting of all crosswalks which have heretofore been painted in the South Boston area.
Respectfully submitted,
LEO F. CURLEY, Commissioner.
Placed on file.

EXCLUSION OF HEAVY TRUCKS FROM PART OF CHURCH STREET.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, August 11, 1948.
To the City Council.
Gentlemen:
I transmit herewith communication from the Boston Traffic Commission relative to your order of June 7, 1948, concerning the excluding of trucks over two and one-half tons from that part of Church street bounded by Centre and Weld streets.
Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Traffic Commission, August 10, 1948.
Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.
Dear Sir:
In reply to blue memo signed by Lawrence P. Gilligan, Chief Clerk, regarding Council order dated June 7, 1948, requesting the Traffic Commission to exclude trucks over two and one-half tons from that part of Church street bounded by Centre and Weld streets, please be advised that several investigations have been made by this department concerning the use of trucks on Church street, between Centre street and Weld street.
The latest survey made was on July 23, 1948, from 8 a. m. to 6 p. m. This count showed that 104 trucks of less than two and one-half tons capacity and 14 of five tons capacity or over, used this portion of Church street. Our check further showed that most of the 14 heavy trucks were making deliveries in Church street.
Since we cannot prohibit trucks of less than two and one-half tons capacity from using this street, I respectfully submit that no action should be taken by the Traffic Commission at this time.
Respectfully submitted,
LEO F. CURLEY, Commissioner.
Placed on file.

REMOVAL OF UNUSED CAR TRACKS, WARD 13.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, August 11, 1948.
To the City Council.
Gentlemen:
I transmit herewith communication from the Metropolitan Transit Authority relative to your order of July 19, 1948, concerning the removal of the rails on all streets in Ward 13 where trackless trolleys are to replace street cars.
Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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Metropolitan Transit Authority.
August 6, 1948.
Lawrence P. Gilligan,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Sir:
This is in reply to your communication of July 21, 1948, with reference to Council order of July 19, 1948, requesting the Metropolitan Transit Authority to remove rails on all streets in Ward 13 where trackless trolleys are to replace street cars. After it has been determined which of the tracks in question it will be necessary for the Authority to continue to use for the movement of its street cars and after the use of the tracks not needed for that purpose has been discontinued, the Authority will cooperate with the proper city authorities in making arrangements for removal, coincidentally with the resurfacing by the city of the streets involved, of such tracks as it will no longer need, or, if the city authorities should prefer, will make arrangements enabling the city to resurface the streets involved by covering over the tracks not needed. Whatever is worked out should cause no unnecessary expense to the Authority whose deficits, as you know, are borne in large part by the City of Boston.
Very truly yours,
EDWARD DANA,
General Manager.
Placed on file.

REPAIRS AND IMPROVEMENTS TO FRANKLIN PARK.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, August 6, 1948.
To the City Council.
Gentlemen:
I transmit herewith communication received from the Boston Park Department relative to your order of July 19, 1948, requesting that the Park Commissioner install new benches, repair old benches, and provide asphalt sidewalks at the entrance to Franklin Park.
Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Park Department, August 4, 1948.
Lawrence P. Gilligan,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Sir:
In answer to your memorandum, with enclosure, City Council order, requesting the Park Commission to install new benches, repair the old ones, and provide asphalt sidewalks at the entrances to Franklin Park, I wish to report as follows:
I have had the benches repaired at Franklin Park near the Columbia Road entrance. There are many benches at this end of the park, in fact, on one side of the road the benches are continuous.

I realize that some of the walks in the park, particularly near the zoo, are not too good. However, I regret to say that the department's budget this year does not provide for new walks and benches.

Very truly yours,
JOHN J. MURPHY, Chairman.

Placed on file.

SOFTBALL FACILITIES NEAR MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, August 25, 1948.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Park Department relative to your order of August 2, 1948, concerning the arranging for facilities near the Memorial High School in order that softball may be played.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Park Department, August 24, 1948.

Lawrence P. Gilligan,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Sir:

I desire to acknowledge your memorandum, with enclosure, City Council order requesting the Park Commission to arrange for facilities near the Memorial High School in order that softball may be played.

The only area that I could find in this neighborhood, for such a purpose, is around the high school. On the Warren Street front is a series of banks and terraces and certainly would not be suitable for softball playing. In the rear of the high school, away from Warren street, is an area with trees, presumably used more or less as a schoolyard. The trees provide plenty of shade. In the rear of the school is ledge. I could find no other area close by this high school.

As this matter has also been referred to the School Committee, it probably would be better to wait for their answer in regard to it.

Very truly yours,
JOHN J. MURPHY, Chairman.

Placed on file.

IMPROVEMENTS TO CHANDLER'S POND.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, August 13, 1948.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Park Department relative to your order of August 2, 1948, requesting the cleaning of Chandler's Pond in the Alice E. Gallagher Park, Ward 22, and to arrange for the prompt installation of swings, slides, and other playground equipment for the use of small children.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Park Department, August 11, 1948.

Mr. Lawrence P. Gilligan,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Mr. Gilligan:

I will make arrangements for the installation of swings, slides, and other playground equipment for the use of small children at Alice E. Gallagher Park, Lake Shore road, Brighton.

As the season is very late, it probably will not be possible to operate this as a supervised play area this year. The summer supervised recreation program ceases on August 31. It is practically impossible to start up a new program at a new location at this date.

The area lends itself to the children's play corner and has wonderful possibilities. I have issued instructions to the foreman to clean Chandler's Pond, which is within the Alice Gallagher Park.

Very truly yours,
JOHN J. MURPHY, Chairman.

Placed on file.

CLEANING OF CARSON BEACH.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, August 12, 1948.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Park Commissioner relative to your order of August 2, 1948, requesting his Honor the Mayor to take immediate steps to clean up the rubbish and glass at Carson Beach for the protection of the children and grown-ups.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Park Department, August 11, 1948.

Mr. Lawrence P. Gilligan,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Mr. Gilligan:

I desire to acknowledge your memorandum, with enclosure, and I wish to say that at the present time we have city laborers, some welfare workers, which are augmented by an early morning force of contractor's men, cleaning rubbish and glass at Carson Beach, South Boston. This is a daily routine job.

Receptacles are placed along the beach for the rubbish and glass. However, there are bound to be some people who will not throw their rubbish in the receptacles and will break glass on the beach.

At the present time the first crew starts in at 6 a. m. cleaning up the beaches in the South Boston area.

Very truly yours,
JOHN J. MURPHY, Chairman.

Placed on file.

REMOVAL OF CERTAIN TREES, WARD 14.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, August 17, 1948.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Park Department relative to your order of June 28, 1948, concerning the removal of trees on the sidewalk outside the Audubon School on Harvard street, Dorchester.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Park Department, August 13, 1948.

Lawrence P. Gilligan,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Mr. Gilligan:

I have investigated the City Council order pertaining to the removal of the trees on Harvard street, Dorchester, near the Audubon School, and I have found that the trees on the sidewalk are alive and are interfering with the pedestrians, particularly the children who attempt to walk on the sidewalk.

In my opinion this condition should not be allowed to continue. Some youngsters will be walking on the street and may get struck by an automobile and be seriously injured.

I have received bids for removal of trees. Said bid has been submitted to you with some other bids of other trees to be removed at other locations.

When your approval is received I will take the necessary steps to have the trees removed.

Very truly yours,
JOHN J. MURPHY, Chairman.

Placed on file.

NAMING OF PLAYGROUND FOR SERGT. JOSEPH M. BYRNE.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, August 23, 1948.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Park Department relative to your order of June 21, 1948, concerning the naming of the playground at 18 Everett street, Dorchester, in honor of Sergt. Joseph M. Byrne, who was killed in action in World War II.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Park Department, August 19, 1948.
Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.
Dear Sir:

I have your memorandum of June 23 with enclosure, Council order of June 21, 1948, requesting the Park Commission to name the playground at 18 Everett street, Dorchester, the "Sergt. Joseph M. Byrne Playground," in honor of the only boy from that area who was killed in action in World War II, and that suitable signs be erected designating same.

At a meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners held on August 18 it was voted (subject to your approval) to name the playground located at the corner of Everett and Elm streets, Dorchester, for the late Sergt. Joseph E. Byrne. The area will be known as the Joseph E. Byrne Playground.

We respectfully request approval of our action and if your Honor so desires, we will proceed to the naming of this playground and the preparation of suitable signs.

Respectfully yours,
JOHN J. MURPHY, Chairman.

Placed on file.

EXEMPTION OF VETERANS FROM PAYMENT OF AUCTIONEER'S LICENSE FEE.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, August 12, 1948.
To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

On January 12, 1948, your Honorable Body passed the following order:

"Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor consider the advisability of exempting veterans of World War I and World War II from paying the fee for an auctioneer's license."

Following the adoption of this order, I wrote the Corporation Counsel inquiring whether it would be legally possible thus to exempt veterans. A copy of his reply is transmitted herewith.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Law Department, August 9, 1948.
Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.
Dear Mr. Mayor:

I have your letter of July 7, 1948, inquiring whether veterans who apply for licenses to be auctioneers may be exempted from paying the established fee therefor.

In *Commonwealth* v. *Hana* 195 Mass. 262, the Supreme Judicial Court was called upon to determine the constitutionality of a statute providing for the licensing of hawkers and peddlers. In the course of its opinion the court said (p. 266):

> "There is also a provision in statute 21, which has not been referred to in the argument, by which licenses may be granted without charge to a person seventy years of age or upwards, or to any soldier or sailor resident in this Commonwealth who served in the army or navy during the war of the rebellion or the war against Spain, and who has an honorable discharge from such service. Even before the adoption of the Fourteenth Amendment it was a settled principle of constitutional law that statutes in regard to the transaction of business must operate equally upon all citizens who desire to engage in the business, and that there shall be no arbitrary discrimination between different classes of citizens. Under the Fourteenth Amendment, all persons are entitled to the equal protection of the laws. In several States such a discrimination in the granting of licenses in favor of soldiers and sailors has come before the courts, and in all of them, so far as we are aware, the provision has been held unconstitutional. *State* v. *Shedrei*, 75 Vt. 277. *State* v. *Garbroski*, 111 Iowa, 496. *State* v. *Whitcom*, 122 Wis. 110. See also *in re Keymer*, 148 N. Y., 219; *Brown* v. *Russell*, 166 Mass. 14."

The broad principle of constitutional law stated by the court in the passage quoted plainly affects the licensing of auctioneers just as much as the licensing of hawkers and peddlers, and means that it is constitutionally impossible for either the Legislature or the City Council or the licensing authority to exempt veterans who wish to be licensed as auctioneers from paying the prescribed fee.

Accompanying your letter was a communication sent you by City Councilor John B. Wenzler regarding the matter. That communication is returned herewith.

Respectfully yours,
JOSEPH A. SCOLPONETI,
Corporation Counsel.

Placed on file.

LEASING OF CITY-OWNED LAND IN ROSLINDALE.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, August 30, 1948.
To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I submit herewith communication from the Commissioner of Public Works relative to the leasing of city-owned land on Washington street, in Roslindale, which is self-explanatory.

I respectfully recommend passage of the accompanying order.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Public Works Department,
August 25, 1948.
Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.
Dear Mr. Mayor:

For a number of years the F. P. Davis Monumental Works, Inc., has occupied as a tenant-at-will, at an annual rental of $50, a piece of city-owned land at 3803 Washington street, in Roslindale. The land was taken many years ago for Stony Brook sewerage purposes.

The Davis Company has made a proposition to this office for leasing this piece of land for a period of twenty years, and has agreed to pay an annual rental of $100 for such use. As far as this department is concerned, there are no objections to complying with this request, and I feel that it would be to the city's advantage to make this arrangement with the Davis firm; the price, in my opinion, being fair and reasonable.

In order that the necessary lease for occupancy and use may be prepared, it will be necessary for the City Council to authorize the leasing of this land. I have received from the Law Department the attached form of order which I respectfully submit to hour Honor, with a request that it be presented to the City Council for appropriate action.

Respectfully yours,
ROBERT P. CURLEY,
Commissioner of Public Works.

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Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be hereby authorized, in the name and behalf of the City of Boston, to execute and deliver to F. P. Davis Monumental Works, Inc., a lease, satisfactory in in form to the Law Department, for a term of twenty years, with an annual rental of one hundred dollars ($100), of a certain parcel of land near Washington street, West Roxbury, taken for Stony Brook sewerage works, containing approximately forty-two hundred (4,200) square feet of land, and bounded northerly by the West Roxbury Branch of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad and southerly by land now or formerly of John J. McDonough, upon conditions that no buildings shall be erected on said land, that the rights of the City of Boston to enter on and to maintain its sewerage works in said land shall not be impaired, and that any assignment of said lease shall be subject to the approval of the Commissioner of Public Works.

Referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

APPROPRIATION FROM PARKMAN FUND INCOME.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, August 30, 1948.
To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I am in receipt of the attached communication from the Board of Park Commissioners requesting

the appropriation of $36,000 from the income of the George F. Parkman Fund, to be expended under the direction of the Board of Park Commissioners, for the Maintenance and Improvement of the Common and Parks in Existence on January 12, 1887.

The 1948 budget estimates of the personal service requirements of the Park Department included an estimate of the total income of $170,000 from the Parkman Fund. The budget allowances made provision for the appropriation of this income as it accrued for the purpose of defraying the cost of work actually performed on the Common and Parks in Existence on January 12, 1887.

I submit herewith an order appropriating the sum of $36,000, the accrued income now available from the Parkman Fund, and respectfully recommend its immediate passage by your Honorable Body.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Park Department, August 2, 1948.

Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Sir:

By vote of the Board of Park Commissioners, you are respectfully asked to request the City Council to transfer from the income of the George F. Parkman Fund the sum of $36,000 which is now available, to be expended under the direction of the Board of Park Commissioners as follows:

Common and Parks in Existence on January 12, 1887, Maintenance and Improvement of $36,000

When making up the estimates for the year 1948 a sum equal to the total yearly income of the George F. Parkman Fund was deducted from item A-1, Permanent Employees, with the understanding that this deduction was to be replaced by the total yearly income of said Parkman Fund for 1948, to be transferred as it accrued from time to time during the year to the regular maintenance appropriation of the Park Department.

Respectfully yours,
JOHN J. MURPHY, Chairman.

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Ordered, That the sum of $36,000 be, and hereby is, appropriated from the income of the George F. Parkman Fund, to be expended under the direction of the Park Commissioners, for the Maintenance and Improvement of the Common and Parks in Existence on January 12, 1887, as follows:

Common and Parks in Existence on January 12, 1887, Maintenance and Improvement of $36,000

Referred to the Committee on Parkman Fund.

PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received and referred to the committee named, viz.:

Claims.

Theodore J. Adams for compensation for damage to car by fire apparatus.

James P. Barrett, for compensation for injuries caused by being struck by falling tree.

Carl and Lewis Baskin, for compensation for damage to property at 204-210 Humboldt avenue, caused by defective sewer drains.

Boston Cenacle Society, Inc., for compensation for damage to property at 200 Lake street, caused by broken water pipe.

Paul H. Bruning, M. D., for compensation for damage to car by city truck.

Mrs. R. Venusta Buldini, for compensation for damage to fence at 1229 Bennington street, caused by falling tree.

Katherine A. Calhoun, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in Beech street.

Andrew Chiesa, to be reimbursed as result of accident which occurred while in performance of duty.

Helen W. Collier, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at 1230 Commonwealth avenue.

Abbie G. Dalton, for compensation for damage to property at 19 Virgil road, caused by backing up of sewage.

Mrs. Katherine Daly, to be reimbursed for expenses in cleaning sewer at 3 Maple park, Dorchester.

Alphonse DeFronzo, for compensation for damage to car caused by being sprayed with paint while driving through Sumner Tunnel.

Edward Doherty, for compensation for collapse of water boiler at 35 Union street, Charlestown, during replacement of water meter.

Frank D. Donlan, to be reimbursed as result of accident which occurred while in performance of duty.

Virginia Donoghue, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at 24 South Market street.

A. F. Fitzpatrick, for compensation for damage to car caused by an alleged defect at Columbia Circle.

Anthony J. Freno, to be reimbursed as result of accident which occurred while in performance of duty.

General Tire Company, for compensation for damage to property at 787 Commonwealth avenue, caused by bursting water main.

Edward A. Gorman, for compensation for damage to car caused by an alleged defect at Keith and Libby streets.

William A. Gunther, Sr., for compensation for damage to car caused by an alleged defect at Alfred street.

Richard M. Horrigan, to be reimbursed for execution issued against him.

Ingall's Pharmacy, Inc., for compensation for damage to property at 1366A Blue Hill avenue, caused by break in water pipe.

Arthur J. Kennedy, to be reimbursed as result of accident which occurred while in performance of duty.

J. & M. Realty Company, for compensation for damage to property at 216 Summer street, caused broken water main.

Pearl Lappin, for compensation for damage to property at 9 Perkins avenue, caused by city employees.

Lena Matthews, for compensation for damage to property at 22 Monument avenue, caused by water.

Antonina Mazzola, for compensation for injuries caused by baseball thrown into Municipal Building, Brighton.

Mary A. McCarthy, for compensation for injuries and damage to clothing caused by an alleged defect in St. Joseph street.

Margaret Morrissey, for compensation for damage to property at 96 I street, caused by backing up of sewage.

Catherine Mulrey, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at Boylston and Dalrymple streets.

Frederick Murray, for compensation for damage to property at 92 I street, caused by overflow of sewage.

Helen O'Brien, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at 169 Washington street.

Mary E. O'Mara, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at L street, South Boston.

Dr. Carl Pearson, for compensation for damage to car caused by defective street.

Shirley Reed, for compensation for injuries caused by city vehicle.

Edward Scott, for compensation for damage to car and injuries caused by city car.

James T. Shea, Jr., for compensation for injuries caused by fire apparatus.

Shipman Machine Company, for compensation for damage to property at 218 Summer street, caused by break in water pipe.

Anna F. Smith, for compensation for damage to property caused by change of grade of Shanley street.

Catherine L. Wennberg, for compensation for damage to property caused by change of grade of Shanley street.

COMMITTEE ON LICENSES.

Petition of the Interstate Passenger Service, Inc., for license to operate motor vehicles from Everett line to Park square, over Alford street, Rutherford avenue, Charles street, Columbus avenue, Church street, Stuart street, Providence street, Boylston street.

COMMITTEE ON COUNTY ACCOUNTS.

Petition of Philip S. Hamilton, employee of Suffolk County Jail, to be retired as a veteran.

MINORS' LICENSES.

Applications for minors' licenses were received from fourteen newsboys and two hoothlacks.
Licenses granted under usual conditions.

TRANSIENT VENDOR'S LICENSE.

Notice was received from the City Clerk of the issuance of a transient vendor's license to Howard V. H. Inches for sale of special papaya products at the Hotel Bradford.
A hond in the sum of $500 was received and approved hy the Council.
Placed on file.

DANIEL F. DONOVAN, ACTING ELECTION COMMISSIONER.

Notice was received from the Mayor of the temporary appointment of Daniel F. Donovan, City Collector, to be Acting Election Commissioner, in the absence of Joseph A. Langone, for five weeks, from August 11, 1948.
Placed on file.

RAILROAD TRACKS ACROSS PRESCOTT STREET, EAST BOSTON.

Notice was received from Board of Street Commissioners granting petition of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Waterways Division of the Public Works Department, for permit to use tracks for freight by railroad across Prescott street, East Boston.
Placed on file.

APPROVAL OF STATE BOARD OF HOUSING.

Notices were received from the State Board of Housing of approval of various housing projects.
Placed on file.

HEARINGS BEFORE PUBLIC UTILITIES DEPARTMENT.

Notice of hearing on petition of the Metropolitan Transit Authority for hus line in West Roxbury.
Notice of hearing on petition of New England Telephone & Telegraph Company for increase in telephone rates.
Severally placed on file.

CHARLES S. O'CONNOR.

Communication from Mrs. Charles S. O'Connor, widow of Charles S. O'Connor, former clerk of the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court.
Placed on file.

VOTING MACHINES.

The vote of the Mayor and Election Commissioners for purchase of 500 voting machines was received.
Placed on file.

FINANCE COMMISSION REPORT RE MUNICIPAL COSTS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Finance Commission, August 13, 1948.

The Honorable the Mayor and City Council.
Gentlemen:

Municipal costs in Boston as totaled hy the assessors for tax purposes increased more in the past year than ever before in one year in the history of the City. To some extent, this increase in Boston is matched in many other municipalities here in Massachusetts. However, Boston's increase can not he lightly regarded. It is not palliated by the fact that costs are rising elsewhere. Expenditure requirements in Boston had already resulted in an almost prohihitive tax rate; and, to increase the burden, high valuation of commercial and industrial properties persists.

This high rate of taxation has scared away from Boston much prospective capital real estate investment. Obviously some few firms and institutions which have tbeir roots irremovahly estahlished in Boston appear to he willing to invest in further real estate development for their own uses; hut, in contrast, there are very few new commercial or industrial concerns constructing new huildings in Boston, and the reason for it is, to a great extent, the tax situation.

To spread as far as possihle the knowledge of this municipal financing situation, for several years the Finance Commission has made a practice of recording hy special report the tax rate computations. The figures used hy the Commission have heen obtained from the Assessing Department as its official record of these computations.

The trend to higher taxation has heen continuous now for several years. The shorter work week, the salary increases forced upon the City by the soaring cost of living, the general rise in maintenance cost, the increase in cost of construction and of supplies, and the greater cost of snow removal have been important hut uncontrollable factors in the sharp rise in taxation cost.

The debt situation, on tbe other hand, now contains little consolation. For a great many years the redeeming feature in the financial picture was that Boston was reducing its deht. The net honded deht came down from a high mark of $135,815,273 in 1933 to its lowest mark since 1926 — $93,230,668 in 1946. Now, however, the trend in debt ohligations has heen definitely reversed. At the present rate of issuance, and contemplated issuance, it will not he long before the great reduction in deht of the late 30's and early 40's will have heen entirely eliminated. Never hefore has tbere heen such a volume of new debt in prospect at one time as there is now.

The upward trend in total appropriations is hetter appreciated when it is realized that the "city requirements" for 1948 (for city, county, school and state purposes) increased 18 percent over the corresponding 1947 figure; yet the increase in 1947 over 1946 was 12 per cent. In dollars and cents, tbis means that tbe total requirements which were $84,761,892 in 1946 became $112,888,729 in 1948, an increase of 33 per cent in two years.

The debt requirements for city, scbool and county used in the 1948 tax rate computations amounted to $7,930,791.92. This is approximately $1,100,000 or 16 per cent more than the debt requirements in the 1947 tax rate computations. Moreover, a vast volume of new debt authorizations has heen made, which has not yet figured in the current debt requirements, hecause — while heavy obligations have heen incurred — the bonds which eventually will supply tbese funds have not yet been issued.

Greater school costs make up no inconsiderahle part of the higher municipal costs. School appropriations in 1948 which are included in the tax rate computations total (maintenance, alterations and repairs, deht) $2,716,354 more than in 1947. Since the school pupil population (memhership Octoher 31) for the current scbool year was 2,383 less than in the previous year, it means that the per pupil cost to the Boston taxpayer in 1948 is an average of $244 per pupil, which is an increase of $34 per pupil over the 1947 cost.

State costs did not contribute to the Boston hurden in 1948. There was no state tax levied upon the municipalities, though a year ago Boston had to include $1,036,950 in the rate computations as Boston's share of the state tax. However, Boston receives nothing from the state collected gasoline tax in 1948, in contrast with $843,402 in 1947. On the other hand, the combined estimated income tax and corporation tax which Boston will receive in 1948 from the state is approximately $1,000,000 more than in 1947. Therefore, Boston's loss in 1948 of the gasoline tax ($843,402 in 1947) was more than matched by the elimination in 1948 of the state tax on municipalities ($1,036,950 in 1947) and the $1,000,000 greater yield from the state collected income and corporation taxes.

DETAIL OF CITY APPROPRIATIONS.

To show the trend under this administration, the appropriations for distinctly city requirements for the first three years of it are compared witb the last year of the previous administration.

APPROPRIATIONS.

	1945.	1946.	1947.	1948.
Schools	$16,514,838	$16,461,061	$18,464,619	$20,861,569
School Buildings, Alterations	1,098,840	1,114,730	1,210,515	1,678,238
Debt Requirements, Schools	444,091	404,703	390,522	242,205
Statutory Payment on Loans	438,000	596,000	616,400	312,159
Interest on City Debt	1,327,580	1,104,488	1,498,639	1,625,510
Serial Debt	6,487,395	5,692,306	4,787,683	5,904,938
Sinking Funds	8,088	8,207	8,565	None
Fire Department	4,795,131	5,711,796	7,239,502	$8,362,776
Health Department	931,566	1,007,725	1,119,182	1,166,405
Hospital Department	4,604,905	5,539,985	7,440,066	9,497,859
Institutions Department	1,558,354	1,784,462	2,250,662	2,355,047
Park Department	2,228,225	1,839,711	2,016,518	2,323,989
Police Department	6,546,382	7,100,739	8,722,589	9,595,115
Public Library	1,311,008	1,383,301	1,811,318	2,130,750
Public Welfare Department	*8,666,579	10,560,249	11,277,404	12,467,963
Public Works Department	7,315,738	8,186,677	9,655,546	9,525,355
Department of Veterans' Services	560,027	477,461	900,312	1,130,019
Sumner Tunnel Deficit	218,179			
Governor Square Rental Deficit	114,576	114,586	114,590	None
General Purposes (City)	3,436,626	4,213,142	4,841,940	$5,367,543
Huntington Avenue Deficit	106,109	111,813	119,213	None
Overlay Deficits	1,954,441	1,142,504	2,386,206	$7,571,547
Administrative Survey	.....	.....	.....	100,000
State-Boston Retirement Fund	.....	.....	306,458	360,000
Emergency Allowance (Compensation)	1,250,000	1,300,000		
Pension Accumulation Fund	2,660,831	2,702,487	1,848,000	1,838,083
Snow Removal	.....	.....	400,000	1,750,000
Total City and Schools	$74,577,517	$78,558,140	$88,426,458	$106,167,078

* $700,000 Loan (1945/73 — 10/23/45) added for comparison.
Fraction of a dollar figures omitted.

The most striking increases in the four years under comparison may be seen in the following items listed beside the amount of increase between 1945 and 1948:

Item.	Increases.
Schools	$4,724,243
Fire Department	3,567,645
Hospital Department	4,892,954
Police Department	3,048,733
Public Welfare Department	$3,801,384
Public Works Department	2,209,617
General Purposes	1,930,917
Overlay Deficits	5,617,106

In the case of the Public Works Department, the figures used do not include vast expenditure charged to loans. "General Purposes" in the above table means the aggregate for the smaller departments.

SUMMARY OF GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS.

	1945.	1946.	1947.	1948.
Total City and Schools	* $74,577,517	$78,558,140	$88,426,458	$106,167,078
County Expenses	3,987,045	4,259,512	4,677,382	5,009,685
Total City Schools, County	* 78,564,562	82,817,653	93,103,840	111,176,763
State Warrants	2,280,733	1,944,238	2,509,496	1,711,964
Totals	* $80,845,296	$84,761,892	$95,613,337	$112,888,728

* $700,000 Loan (1945/73 — 10/23/45) added for comparison.
Fraction of a dollar figures omitted.

The foregoing summary shows clearly that it is increased City expenditure which is wholly the cause of the substantial increase since 1945 in the total obligations of the City. This increase in General Appropriations in the last three years has amounted to almost 40 per cent.

CREDITS AND DEDUCTIONS.

	1945.	1946.	1947.	1948.
Estimated Receipts (Auditor)	$8,487,751	$9,130,000	$10,000,000	$11,600,000
Educational Income (Schools)	1,797,803	2,048,098	1,823,466	2,213,340
Income Tax (State)	3,708,452	3,660,760	5,490,028	5,261,928
Corporation Tax (State)	2,679,222	2,654,579	3,294,574	4,521,089
State-Owned Lands (State)	52,680	87,579	138,777	70,275
Motor Excise (City Auditor)	375,000	325,000	450,000	1,000,000
Old Age (Meals) State	148,650	248,138	241,250	275,267
Gasoline Tax	1,232,308	843,402	843,402	None
Sumner Tunnel (Resolve) (State)	100,000			
Boston Elevated Railway Deficiency Credit (State)	.....	.....	.....	$5,686
Loans (Chapter 73, Acts of 1945)	700,000	2,900,000		
Excises Interest Refunded on Tax Title Loans (State)	18,068	6,663		
Poll Tax	511,562	511,586	520,974	516,416
State–Boston Retirement System	.....	.....	268,976	360,000
Available Funds (Surplus Revenue Appropriations)	.....	.....	2,386,206	5,000,000
Gas and Electric Franchise	.....	.....	.....	61
Hospital Home Care Civil War Veterans	.....	.....	.....	15
Totals	$19,811,500	$22,415,810	$25,457,656	$30,824,079

Fraction of a dollar figures omitted.

There are two important aspects to the foregoing table. The first is that in 1948 there is no gasoline tax receipt item. Boston's share in 1947 was $843,402. However, Boston's share as determined by the state of the combined state collected income, corporation and meal taxes amounts to $1,031,432.55 more in 1948 than in 1947; and, as previously stated, there is no state tax assessment on Boston in 1948. Since, therefore, Boston's share of the state tax in 1947 was $1,036,950 in these counteracting items, Boston is better off this year to the extent of $1,224,980.55.

The other important aspect of this table is that it reveals that, to save the necessity of assessing a like amount, the assessors have taken up another $5,000,000 of what is called in the auditor's balance sheet "Surplus Revenue." Last year the sum of $2,386,206 from this amount was similarly used. The intention is, in effect, to offset the "Overlay Deficit" account in the tax requirements to this extent.

This "Surplus Revenue" account is regarded as more or less nebulous. As of tax rate determination time, it amounted to $12,586,326.26. The amount used to offset the "Overlay Deficit" has been decided arbitrarily to represent approximately the free cash in the account. The use of this item in tax rate computation is the newest in a long series of financially questionable devices to depress net requirements in order that the tax rate may be kept as low as possible.

TAX RATE SUMMARY.

	1945.	1946.	1947.	1948.
Warrants and Appropriations	$80,845,296	$84,761,892	$95,613,337	$112,888,728
Credits and Deductions	19,811,500	22,415,810	25,457,656	30,824,079
Net Requirements	61,033,796	62,346,082	70,155,680	82,064,649
Overlay 3 per cent (3½ in 1946)	1,831,013	2,182,112	2,319,726	2,413,830
Poll Tax	511,562	511,586	520,974	516,416
Amount to Be Raised by Taxation	63,376,372	65,039,781	72,996,380	84,994,895
Assessed valuation	1,479,172,000	1,536,385,600	1,558,610,900	1,581,994,000
Tax Rate	$42 50	$42 00	$46 50	$53 40

Fraction of a dollar figures omitted.

The above table includes the seven items which lead to the tax rate. The first (Warrants and Appropriations) is dependent upon legislation, city government and state government; the second (Credits and Deductions) contains parts which are determined by the state, but the major part of it — the estimated receipts — is originally determined by the City Auditor, but may be changed within certain limits by the assessors; the third (Net Requirements) is merely a process of subtraction; the fourth (Overlay) is the determination of the assessors; the fifth (Poll Tax) is based on the number of males found by the assessors to be assessable; the sixth (the Amount to Be Raised) is the determination by the assessors of the total to be raised in the property tax, with the amount assessable as poll tax added; and the seventh (Assessed Valuation) is the aggregate of the property valuation fixed by the assessors. The amount shown above to be raised by taxation, less the amount to be assessed as poll tax, is divided into the aggregate of property valuations and the rate of $53.40 per $1,000 of valuation for 1948 is thus obtained.

As often explained by the Finance Commission, the overlay is for the purpose of avoiding fractional parts (below 10 cents) in the rate and to provide for refunds which follow abatements. Under present law the assessors must include not less than 3 per cent of the net requirements for overlay. The actual need, if refunds are to be financed completely in the original computations of the year of assessment — due to the volume of abatements granted — has been running for many years at a rate which is more than twice that percentage. But to include for overlay a percentage of the net requirements, which experience now shows to be necessary would mean a greater tax levy and, correspondingly, a higher tax rate. Depressing the overlay, therefore, is but another of the devices used to prevent the declared rate from reflecting the true situation. As an illustration, on May 31, 1948, the $2,182,112.58 in the 1946 overlay account had all been used up and there was a deficit of $2,334,292.48 (auditor's exhibit figures) in the 1946 overlay account.

Real Estate Valuations.

Ward.	1948.	1947.	1946.	1945.
1	$48,844,800	$47,697,200	$47,247,400	$46,297,800
2	40,387,900	39,372,300	39,974,200	39,940,000
3	460,014,500	450,624,500	444,410,100	413,211,500
4	90,187,200	85,032,800	84,077,300	83,155,100
5	170,400,900	165,931,400	160,796,900	151,036,500
6	79,443,900	76,943,800	75,427,600	73,030,100
7	26,028,800	25,513,400	25,014,900	24,441,500
8	24,951,600	24,246,300	23,855,800	23,081,800
9	25,971,400	25,840,400	25,359,600	24,905,300
10	18,976,300	18,834,100	20,315,200	18,314,100
11	25,773,100	25,805,500	25,093,100	24,614,000
12	29,929,700	29,788,100	29,294,800	29,101,800
13	23,110,600	22,957,000	22,335,000	22,108,100
14	42,928,100	42,483,200	42,214,200	41,516,100
15	20,353,500	20,361,500	20,152,900	19,750,000
16	33,639,400	33,875,700	32,997,600	32,299,000
17	32,933,000	32,673,600	32,464,400	31,831,700
18	47,303,000	46,138,200	45,155,700	44,708,600
19	32,479,200	32,413,400	31,891,100	31,581,400
20	49,310,400	48,861,000	47,811,500	47,280,700
21	74,437,400	71,757,400	71,582,700	69,038,800
22	44,215,600	42,888,300	41,703,200	40,624,500
Totals	$1,441,620,300	$1,410,039,100	$1,389,175,200	$1,331,868,400

The pattern of the process of rate determination in 1948 is much the same as last year, and in each previous year for several years. The high valuations on which last year's rate was based were maintained to a very great extent. The evaporation of more than $80,000,000 of 1947 total valuation before tax rate determination time in 1948 is not reflected in the 1948 determination of the assessable valuation. The real estate valuation again exceeded the 1947 figuring of it, the increase in 1948 being $31,581,200.

Coupling this forced reduction of $80,000,000 in 1947 valuations with fixing 1948 taxable real estate valuation $31,581,200 higher than the 1947 original figure would seem to indicate that real estate valuations were established to reach a particular rate rather than on a basis of true value. There is no evidence to warrant the belief that new values developed since June, 1947, can account for the wide margin between 1948 established value and the level to which 1947 valuations had been reduced by abatements to June 30.

Repeating again in 1948 this procedure of manipulating valuation figures so as to arrive at a particular rate per $1,000 of valuation means that there are now distinctly two valuations: one, that used by the assessors to determine a tax rate; two, that which goes down into history as the final valuation on which taxes are collected and held. The conclusion is obvious and indisputable that it is now a fixed policy to inflate valuations temporarily to hold down the tax rate.

PERSONAL PROPERTY VALUATIONS.

WARD.	1948.	1947.	1946.	1945.
1	$1,149,900	$1,117,000	$944,500	$1,088,200
2	799,800	1,035,300	737,400	674,400
3	88,157,000	88,152,000	84,608,500	83,869,800
4	995,700	570,000	1,048,300	2,048,600
5	35,660,800	44,132,600	42,921,700	43,275,700
6	2,401,900	2,775,600	7,893,000	8,292,500
7	712,400	665,500	528,400	575,500
8	1,170,100	1,163,500	907,400	857,200
9	1,212,200	1,112,100	795,000	738,600
10	418,600	360,100	340,100	269,200
11	490,200	523,900	435,800	295,700
12	397,600	388,800	315,200	261,300
13	244,600	218,700	179,000	184,500
14	1,026,500	992,900	615,200	481,000
15	291,500	213,900	176,800	164,800
16	608,600	668,400	575,800	433,900
17	459,100	430,100	318,000	259,800
18	1,251,500	1,174,400	1,220,700	1,172,100
19	609,300	559,200	565,600	520,100
20	562,200	578,000	542,600	462,900
21	1,001,400	1,018,700	896,600	881,400
22	812,800	721,100	644,800	496,400
Totals	$140,373,700	$148,571,800	$147,210,400	$147,303,600

POLLS.

WARD.	1948.	1947.	1946.	1945.
1	17,238	17,538	17,438	17,848
2	8,346	8,383	8,034	8,081
3	19,426	19,319	18,833	19,366
4	13,236	13,539	12,843	12,620
5	12,243	12,251	11,504	11,383
6	8,394	8,462	8,230	8,320
7	10,880	11,055	10,913	10,792
8	8,849	8,662	8,573	8,753
9	11,116	11,094	10,474	10,235
10	8,779	8,870	8,731	8,680
11	9,347	9,461	9,446	9,212
12	12,484	12,657	12,491	12,520
13	9,465	9,497	9,194	9,155
14	17,262	17,634	17,583	17,769
15	8,599	8,781	8,725	8,761
16	11,114	10,999	10,999	11,017
17	10,648	10,818	10,766	10,874
18	14,650	14,805	14,693	14,582
19	9,609	9,779	9,718	9,754
20	12,451	12,544	12,453	12,168
21	13,249	13,532	13,411	13,253
22	10,823	10,807	10,741	10,628
Totals	258,208	260,487	255,793	255,781

PERSONAL PROPERTY VALUATIONS.

The material change in personal property valuation, a reduction in Ward 5 of $8,531,800, is accounted for by the changed status of the electric transit company which serves the City, now the Metropolitan Transit Authority, formerly the Boston Elevated Railway. The personal property of the Transit Authority is exempt from taxation by a provision in the act of the Legislature which created the Metropolitan Transit Authority.

POLLS.

The situation as regards the assessable polls (males of 20 years and over) is remarkable for the comparative immutability of the total population as found in the Federal census of 1940 and the State census of 1945. Its obvious meaning is that, population-wise, the City is not growing.

SUMMARY.

The 1948 increase in valuation as shown in the foregoing tables was $23,383,100. It does not, however, represent the true increase, because the valuations established in June, 1947, for the purpose of arriving at a tax rate, had already been reduced by abatement of approximately $80,000,000. Therefore, the 1948 total of valuations is approximately $103,383,100 greater than the revised 1947 total (to June, 1948).

In other words, first of all, it was by maintaining the excessive valuations of 1947 and adding to them that the assessors were able to fix a tax rate at the $53.40 rate rather than at some higher figure. Advantage was taken of other possibilities also, such as depression of the overlay to the minimum allowed by statute and the use of a bookkeeping item labeled "Surplus Revenue" as an offset to the "Overlay Deficits." The absence of a state tax on Boston helped as did also an estimated greater yield to Boston of state collected taxes.

The 1948 rate is $6.90 higher than the rate in 1947. It is an increase of $10.90 per $1,000 of property valuation since the last wartime rate of $42.50 in 1945.

Property valuations on which rates have been based have risen from $1,479,172,000 in 1945 to $1,581,994,000 in 1948. Of these total property valuations, real estate accounted for $1,331,868,400 of it in 1945. In 1948, real estate accounts for $1,441,620,300 of it.

The percentage of overlay used in 1948 rate computation is the lowest permitted by statute, 3 per cent. It was 3.3 per cent in 1947, and 3.5 in 1946, yet in neither of these years was the amount included in the tax rate computations sufficient for the refunds subsequently authorized. The deficit in the 1946 overlay, for instance, was — to May 31, 1948 — $2,334,292. The overlay originally provided having been $2,182,122, the actual need to May 31, 1948, in the 1946 account alone was, therefore, $4,516,414, or more than 7 per cent as against the 3.5 per cent provided originally.

The 1948 total of warrants and appropriations (the over-all total to be financed by the City) has increased approximately 33 per cent between the last wartime year (1945) and 1948. The increase over 1947 has been approximately 18 per cent.

The tax levy (requirements less credits and deductions, plus overlay and poll tax) has increased 33 per cent in the same four years.

The estimated Boston share of state collected taxes in 1948 is $1,031,432 greater than in 1947. There is no gasoline tax share coming to Boston in 1948, but there is compensation for this loss in the fact that there is no State Tax in 1948. Boston's gain in the latter respect is much greater than in its loss of gasoline taxes.

The debt requirements for 1948 and the debt accounts on which they are based indicate that the trend of Boston debt is upward again after a long period of reduction. Between 1938 and 1946 the net debt outstanding was reduced $39,700,000, but since 1946 it has been increased almost $5,000,000, with many millions more authorized but not issued.

Respectfully submitted,
JOSEPH K. COLLINS, Chairman,
ALEXANDER WHEELER,
LEO J. DUNN,
FREDERICK DEANE,
EDWARD F. MULLEN,
The Finance Commission.

ROBERT E. CUNNIFF,
Secretary.

Placed on file.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE.

A communication was received from Stanley C. Wollaston, stenographer-clerk in the City Council, requesting leave of absence from August 31, 1948, to January 1, 1949.

It was voted that the leave of absence be granted.

CLEANING OF CITY-OWNED PROPERTY ON DENNY STREET, DORCHESTER.

Coun. HANNON offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to direct the Board of Real Estate Commissioners to clean up the debris caused by the removal of their properties on Denny street, Dorchester.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

ACCEPTANCE OF DILLINGHAM STREET AND EMROSE TERRACE, WARD 13.

Coun. HANNON offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to direct the Board of Street Commissioners to lay out and construct as public highways, Dillingham street and Emrose terrace, Ward 13.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

REMOVAL OF UNUSED STREET CAR TRACKS.

Coun. HANNON offered the following:

Ordered, That the Honor the Mayor be requested to direct the Commissioner of Public Works to order the Metropolitan Transit Authority to remove all tracks from these streets on which trackless trolleys are to be used exclusively.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

ANGELO GUIDA CORSETTI SQUARE.

Coun. HANNON offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to direct the Board of Street Commissioners to name the intersection of Perth and Quincy streets in Ward 13, "Angelo Guida Corsetti Square," in honor of a boy from that district who gave his life in the service of our country.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

PLAYFIELD AT CHELSEA AND BUNKER HILL STREETS, CHARLESTOWN.

Coun. KINSELLA offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to ascertain from the Boston Housing Authority what plan it has for that portion of the Housing Authority playfield at Chelsea and Bunker Hill streets, Charlestown, after the Mystic River Bridge Authority has taken a portion of the playfield for construction of the Mystic River Bridge.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

FROTHINGHAM SCHOOL FOR HOUSING.

Coun. KINSELLA offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to consult with the Boston Housing Authority and the School Department of the City of Boston for the purpose of determining the possibility of acquisition by the Boston Housing Authority of the abandoned Frothingham School on Prospect street, Charlestown, with a view to erection of multiple housing under the low-income program.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

HOUSING FOR DISPLACED CHARLESTOWN PERSONS.

Coun. KINSELLA offered the following:

Resolved, That it is the opinion of the Boston City Council in meeting assembled that his Excellency the Governor, Robert F. Bradford,

should call at once a special session of the Massachusetts Legislature for the purpose of undertaking emergency housing relief for the persons displaced and to be displaced in Charlestown and in the city of Chelsea by the construction of the Mystic River Bridge.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

CITY HOSPITAL AIR CONDITIONING.

Coun. CHASE offered the following:

Ordered, That the trustees of the Boston City Hospital be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to consider the advisability of air-conditioning City Hospital.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

REPLACEMENT OF GAS LAMPS.

Coun. TRACY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to replace the gas lamps on Orchardhill road, Jamaica Plain, with modern electric lights.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CONFIRMATIONS.

Coun. ANSEL, for the Committee on Confirmations, submitted the following:

Report on appointment by the Mayor (referred August 2) of William J. Buttlar as Weigher of Coal for the term ending April 30, 1949 — recommending confirmation of the appointment.

Report on appointment by the Mayor (referred August 2) of George Roberts as Weigher of Goods for the term ending April 30, 1949 — recommending confirmation of the appointment.

Report on appointments by the Mayor (referred July 19) of David Tobey, Andrew Joseph Palermo, Maurice A. Shapiro and Telemaco DelSette to be Constables, authorized to serve civil process upon filing of bond, for the term ending April 30, 1949 — recommending confirmation of the appointments.

The reports were accepted and the question came on confirmation. Committee, Councilors Shanley and Lanigan. Whole number of ballots 14; yeas 14, and the appointments were confirmed.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON COUNTY ACCOUNTS.

Coun. SHANLEY, for the Committee on County Accounts, submitted the following:

Report on petition (referred today) of Philip S. Hamilton, jail officer in the Suffolk County Jail, for retirement—recommending passage of the accompanying order, viz.:

Whereas, Philip S. Hamilton, employed in the service of the County of Suffolk, as jail officer in the Suffolk County Jail, has made application to be retired under the provisions of chapter 678 of the Acts of 1945; and

Whereas, The said Philip S. Hamilton has submitted to the City Council satisfactory evidence that he is a veteran as defined in section 56 of chapter 32 of the General Laws; that he has been certified for retirement for disability by the duly authorized medical panel; that he has been in the service of the county at least ten years and has reached the age of fifty; that he is incapacitated for active service; and that his total income from all sources, exclusive of his retirement allowance and of any sum received from the government of the United States as a pension for war service, does not exceed five hundred dollars;

Ordered, That under the provisions of section 56 of chapter 32 of the General Laws, as amended by chapter 514 of the Acts of 1943, Philip S. Hamilton, employed in the County of Suffolk as jail officer in the Suffolk County Jail, be, and hereby is, retired by the Mayor and City Council, acting as county commissioners, at an annual pension of fourteen hundred and fifty dollars, being one half of his highest regular rate of compensation.

The report was accepted and the order was passed.

SAFETY MEASURES ON BLUE HILL AVENUE.

Coun. ANSEL offered the following:

Ordered, That the trustees of the Metropolitan Transit Authority be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to consider the advisability of immediately leveling the Elevated tracks from Franklin Park to Wellington Hill street and to further place safety lanes along Blue Hill avenue, this to be done for the safety and protection of the citizens of Ward 14.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

"BABE" RUTH STADIUM.

Coun. BEADES offered the following:

Whereas, George Herman "Babe" Ruth typifies what the American youth can do regardless of the financial circumstances of their birth; and

Whereas, "Babe" Ruth received his baseball start with the Boston Red Sox of this beloved city; and

Whereas, His major league career terminated with the Boston Braves; therefore be it

Resolved, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to name the new stadium now being constructed at Franklin Park "Babe" Ruth Stadium.

President HANNON—The Chair is informed by the City Clerk that the Council has no control over the White Fund expenditures and any money expended by the White Fund must somehow or other bear the name or the imprint of the name George Robert White.

Coun. BEADES—Could I amend the order therefore to refer it to the trustees of the White Fund for their consideration?

President HANNON—Yes.

Coun. BEADES—We will leave it that way, then.

Passed, as amended, under suspension of the rule.

AVAILABLE CITY LAND FOR HOUSING PROJECTS.

Coun. BEADES offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor he requested to contact the various department heads asking them to submit a report as to all available land under their jurisdiction which could be used for the construction of housing facilities within the City of Boston; and be it further

Ordered, That this report be turned over to the Boston Housing Authority with the recommendation that the land be immediately used for such purpose.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

TRAFFIC SIGNALS AT VICTORY ROAD AND NEPONSET AVENUE.

Coun. BEADES offered the following:

Ordered, That the Traffic Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to install automatic traffic signals at Victory road and Neponset avenue, Ward 16.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

PFC. FRANK J. PIAZZA SQUARE.

Coun. BRYAN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Special Committee to Memorialize Veterans be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to recommend the naming of the space at the corner of Walter and Centre streets, Ward 20, "Pfc. Frank J. Piazza Square," in honor of a veteran of World War II, who was killed in northern Italy on March 3, 1946, and that suitable signs be erected designating same.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

SALARY INCREASES FOR CERTAIN FIRE DEPARTMENT OFFICERS.

Coun. BRYAN and HANNON offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to immediately consider the advisability of

increasing the salaries of Boston Fire Department captains from $3,640 to $4,000 per year, and lieutenants from $3,410 to $3,500 per year, so that their salaries will be brought up to the same level as those paid to sergeants and lieutenants in the Boston Police Department.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE PARKMAN FUND.

Coun. LINEHAN, for the Committee on the Parkman Fund, submitted the following:

Report on message of Mayor and order (referred today) appropriating $36,000 from income of Parkman Fund—recommending that same ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the question came on the passage of the order. The order was passed; yeas 18; nays none.

Yeas—Councilors Ansel, Beades, Bryan, Carey, Chase, Coffey, Hannon, Keenan, Kinsella, Lane, Lanigan, Linehan, McCormack, Ramsey, Shanley, Tracy, Wenzler, Yerxa—18.

Nays—0.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC LANDS.

Coun. BRYAN, for the Committee on Public Lands, submitted the following:

Report on message of Mayor and order (referred August 2) appropriating $25,760 for purchase of land, Faneuil street, Brighton, for playground purposes—recommending that same ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the question came on giving the order its first reading. The order was given its first reading and passage, yeas 18 nays none.

Yeas—Councilors Ansel, Beades, Bryan, Carey, Chase, Coffey, Hannon, Hurley, Keenan, Kinsella, Lane, Lanigan, Linehan, McCormack, Ramsey, Shanley, Tracy, Wenzler—18.

Nays—0.

Assigned for fourteen days for final action.

CARR — HEFFERNAN SQUARE.

Coun. BRYAN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Special Committee to Memorialize Veterans be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to recommend the naming of the space at the junction of Weld and Centre streets, Ward 20, "Carr-Heffernan Square," in honor of two veterans of World War II who died in the service of their country, and that suitable signs be erected designating same.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

ACCEPTANCE OF PARAGON ROAD, WARD 20.

Coun. BRYAN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to take immediate steps to accept, lay out and construct Paragon road, Ward 20, as a public highway for the best interests of all the residents on the street.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

THE NEXT MEETING.

On motion of Councilor Ramsey, the Council voted that when it adjourn, it be to meet on Monday, September 20, 1948, at 2 p, m.

BENCHES ON HEAD HOUSE PIER.

Coun. WENZLER offered the following:

Ordered, That the Park Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to have all the benches on Head House Pier repaired at once.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

SAVIN HILL IMPROVEMENTS.

Coun. WENZLER offered the following:

Ordered, That the Park Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to remove the tree in front of 194A Savin Hill avenue, which tree projects over the traveled sidewalk and is a menace to the safety of the people.

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Ordered, That the Public Works Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to substitute electric arc lamps for the antiquated gas lamps on all side streets off Savin Hill avenue.

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Ordered, That the Park Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to immediately have Savin Hill Beach cleaned of all the oil in the water and the debris along the shore.

Severally referred to the Executive Committee.

RECESS.

On motion of Councilor McCormack, the Council voted to take a recess at 2.55 p. m., subject to the call of the Chair. The members reassembled and were called to order by President HANNON at 3.15 p. m.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS.

1. Report on petition (referred June 7) for payment of annuity to Sarah E. Foley, widow of Frank J. Foley, late member of Police Department —recommending passage of the accompanying order, viz.:

Ordered, That under the provisions of section 89 of chapter 32 of the General Laws, an annuity of one thousand dollars be allowed and paid to Sarah E. Foley, widow of Frank J. Foley, a member of the Police Department, who died on April 11, 1948, on account of injuries received in the performance of his duty; the pension to become effective upon the date of the approval of this order by the Mayor, and to be charged to the appropriation for Police Department, Pensions and Annuities.

2. Report on petition (referred June 11) for payment of annuity to Helena M. Lydon, widow of Thomas F. Lydon, late member of Fire Department—recommending passage of the accompanying order, viz.:

Ordered, That under the provisions of section 89 of chapter 32 of the General Laws, an annuity of one thousand dollars be allowed and paid to Helena M. Lydon, widow of Thomas F. Lydon, a member of the Fire Department, who died on May 10, 1948, on account of injuries received in the performance of his duty; the pension to become effective upon the date of the approval of this order by the Mayor, and to be charged to the appropriation for Fire Department, Pensions and Annuities.

Reports accepted, and orders severally passed.

SERGT. GIOUSE J. FIORENTINO SQUARE.

Coun. SHANLEY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Special Committee to Memorialize Veterans be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to recommend the naming of the space at the junction of Franklin and North Harvard streets, Ward 22, "Sergt. Giouse J. Fiorentino Square," in honor of a veteran of World War II, who died in the service of his country, and that suitable signs be erected designating same.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

ABATEMENT OF OIL NUISANCE ALONG SOUTH BOSTON BEACHES.

Coun. LINEHAN offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor request the Health Commissioner to investigate and abate immediately the health menace created by oil deposits made in the waters adjoining the bathing

beaches along the Strandway, South Boston, and also request that proper steps be taken by the City of Boston Health Department in cooperation with the State Department of Public Safety to enforce chapter 91, section 60, of the General Laws, so that the Strandway beaches shall be free from any such oil deposits for the rest of the bathing season.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

APPROVAL OF HOUSING CONSTRUCTION BID.

Coun. LINEHAN submitted the following:

Whereas, The John Bowan Company has submitted to the Boston Housing Authority a low bid of $11,989,620 for the construction of the South Boston development of 972 units, under chapter 200 of the Acts of 1948; and

Whereas, There is a very acute shortage of housing for veterans and their families; and

Whereas, There is no reasonable possibility of assistance from the Federal Government in the construction of this long-delayed project; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Boston City Council, through his Honor the Mayor, requests the State Board of Housing to approve the lowest bid for the construction of the 972-unit housing development in South Boston so that the contractor shall start construction in the very near future.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

ADJOURNMENT.

On motion of Councilor Ramsey, the Council voted to adjourn at 3.25 p. m., to meet again on Monday, September 20, 1948, at 2 p. m.

Note: All debate of City Council eliminated from proceedings in accordance with Chapter 447, Acts of 1947.

(Stenographic copy of such debate on file in office of City Clerk.)

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CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of City Council.

SPECIAL MEETING.

Wednesday, September 8, 1948.

Special meeting of the City Council held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 1 p. m., President HANNON in the chair. Absent, Councilors Chase, Cook and Wenzler.

The meeting was opened with the salute to the Flag.

CALL FOR MEETING.

The Clerk read the call for the meeting as follows:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, September 3, 1948.

Mr. John B. Hynes,
City Clerk.

Dear Sir:

You are hereby requested to assemble in the City Council Chamber, City Hall, Wednesday, September 8, 1948, at one o'clock p. m. for the purpose of drawing jurors and to take action on a temporary loan order in anticipation of taxes and such other financial orders as may be submitted by me.

Sincerely,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Placed on file.

LOAN IN ANTICIPATION OF TAXES.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, September 3, 1948.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

I submit herewith and request the immediate passage by your Honorable Body of the accompanying loan order of $15,000,000 in anticipation of taxes.

This order requires 15 affirmative votes and two readings at least 24 hours apart, and its passage is required to meet an emergency.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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Ordered, That to provide temporarily money to meet the appropriations for the financial year 1948, the city treasurer be, and hereby is, authorized to issue and sell, at such times and in such amounts as he may deem best, notes or certificates of indebtedness of the City of Boston not exceeding $15,000,000 in the total, in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year; that all such notes or certificates of indebtedness be made payable with the interest thereon within one year of their date and bear interest from their date until the same are made payable at such rate as the city treasurer and mayor may determine. The said city treasurer is hereby further authorized to renew or refund any such notes issued for a shorter period than one year, under the provisions of section 17 of chapter 44 of the General Laws.

The question came on giving the order its first reading. The order was given its first reading and passage, yeas 17, nays 0.

Yeas—Councilors Ansel, Beades, Bryan, Cantwell, Carey, Coffey, Hannon, Hurley, Keenan, Kinsella, Lane, Lanigan, Linehan, McCormack, Ramsey, Tracy, Yerxa—17.

Nays—0.

Assigned for final action.

THE NEXT MEETING.

On motion of Councilor Kinsella, the Council voted that when it adjourn it be to meet on Thursday, September 9, 1948, at 2 p. m. Councilor Kinsella later moved that the time be changed to 1.15 p. m., September 9, 1948, which motion was carried.

The Chair announced that the call of today's special meeting would be the same as the adjourned meeting.

APPROPRIATION FROM INCOME OF WATER SERVICE, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, September 8, 1948.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

In compliance with the attached request from the Commissioner of Public Works, there is forwarded herewith an order appropriating the sum of $128,000 from the income of the Water Service in order to provide sufficient funds for the Water Division of the Public Works Department to function for the balance of the year.

Consideration and adoption by your Honorable Body of this appropriation order is recommended.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Public Works Department,
August 24, 1948.

Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Mr. Mayor:

I respectfully request a transfer of $128,000 from Water Revenue to the Water Division budget of 1948, in order to provide sufficient funds to allow the Water Division to make repairs, extend water mains, relay old and defective mains, and perform necessary work in connection with the Water Division, there being sufficient revenue to take care of these additional expenditures.

Item No.		Amount Needed.
A-3,	OVERTIME. For payment of overtime on Saturdays, Sundays, and nights for emergency work.....	$8,000
B-39,	GENERAL REPAIRS. Extension of water mains to new housing developments and relaying of old water mains and general maintenance of water system....	$100,000
E-5,	WATER MATERIALS. To provide sufficient funds to take advantage of the 25 per cent increase clause in the contract...	$10,000
F-7,	PENSIONS AND ANNUITIES. To provide sufficient money for pensions and annuities to December 31, due to increased amount of estimated requirements.....	$10,000

Very respectfully,
ROBERT P. CURLEY,
Commissioner of Public Works.

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Ordered, That to meet the current expenses payable during the financial year beginning with the first day of January, 1948, an additional sum of one hundred twenty-eight thousand dollars ($128,000) be, and the same hereby is, appropriated from the income of the Water Service of the Public Works Department, to be expended by the Commissioner of Public Works for the following pusposes:

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.
Water Division.

A.	PERSONAL SERVICE.....		$8,000
	3. Unassigned.....	$8,000	
B.	CONTRACTUAL SERVICES.....		100,000
	39. General Repairs.....	100,000	
E.	MATERIALS.....		10,000
	5. Sewer and Water.....	10,000	
F.	SPECIAL ITEMS.....		10,000
	7. Pensions and Annuities	10,000	
			$128,000

The question came on passage of the order. The order was passed, yeas 15, nays 0.

Yeas—Councilors Beades, Bryan, Cantwell, Carey, Hannon, Hurley, Keenan, Kinsella, Lane, Lanigan, Linehan, McCormack, Ramsey, Sullivan, Tracy—15.

Nays—0.

Voting Present—Councilor Yerxa—1.

TRANSFERS OF APPROPRIATIONS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, September 8, 1948.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

The enclosed requests for transfers of appropriations, together with the accompanying orders, are forwarded for consideration and adoption by your Honorable Body.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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Ordered, That in accordance with the provisions of section 3B of chapter 486 of the Acts of 1909, as amended by chapter 604 of the Acts of 1941, the City Auditor be, and hereby is, authorized to transfer:

From the appropriation for Auditing Department, A-1, Permanent Employees, $75, to the appropriation for Sinking Funds Department, D-1, Office, $75.

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Ordered, That in accordance with the provisions of section 3B of chapter 486 of the Acts of 1909, as amended by chapter 604 of the Acts of 1941, the City Auditor be, and hereby is, authorized to transfer:

From the appropriation for Public Buildings Department, B-39, General Repairs, $3,000, to the appropriation for County Buildings, B-39, General Repairs, $3,000.

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Ordered, That in accordance with the provisions of section 3B of chapter 486 of the Acts of 1909, as amended by chapter 604 of the Acts of 1941, the City Auditor be, and hereby is, authorized to transfer:

From the appropriation for Special Appropriation, Conventions and Entertainment of Distinguished Guests, $10,000, to the appropriation for Special Appropriation, Public Celebrations, $10,000.

The question came on passage of the several orders. The orders were severally passed, yeas 19, nays 0.

Yeas—Councilors Ansel, Beades, Bryan, Cantwell, Carey, Coffey, Hannon, Hurley, Keenan, Kinsella, Lane, Lanigan, Linehan, McCormack, Ramsey, Shanley, Sullivan, Tracy, Yerxa—19.

Nays—0.

JURORS DRAWN.

Jurors were drawn, Councilor Ansel presiding at the box in the absence of the Mayor, as follows:

One hundred thirty-six traverse jurors, Superior Civil Court, to appear October 4, 1948:

Joseph E. Berner, Ward 1; Michael J. Bonia, Ward 1; William J. Costello, Ward 1; Thomas Cunningham, Ward 1; John V. Eramo, Ward 1; Daniel Gioiosa, Ward 1; Frederick Jones, Ward 1; Joseph Minerva, Ward 1; Patrick J. Monahan, Ward 1; Joseph Montalto, Ward 1; Carmen Pastore, Ward 1; Hans Iver Paulsen, Ward 1; Louis Simione, Ward 1; Joseph M. DeMinico, Ward 2; James A. Roach, Ward 2; Edward J. Burke, Ward 3; Elmer Capodilupo, Ward 3; Emilio A. Paterna, Ward 3; Warren F. Payne, Ward 3; Andrea A. Theodos, Ward 3; Clemente Troiano, Ward 3; Alexander Forsyth, Ward 4; George D. True, Ward 4; Frank Mancuso, Ward 5; Edward K. Meador, Ward 5; Alfred F. Simard, Ward 5; Walter Farnham, Ward 6; Michael J. Lee, Ward 6; Walter F. Parenteau, Jr., Ward 6; John W. Scroggie, Ward 6; Robert H. Wyatt, Ward 6; John Yankowski, Ward 6; Patrick Courtney, Ward 7; John J. Sullivan, Ward 7; Job Garnett, Ward 8; David A. Law, Ward 8; John A. Richardson, Jr., Ward 8; Robert J. Roy, Ward 8; Henry L. Marrow, Ward 9; Edward N. Ricker, Ward 9; Edward A. Walker, Ward 9; Frederick Daley, Ward 10; Cecil Lee, Ward 10; Francis G. MacDonald, Ward 10; Herbert A. Porter, Ward 10.

Colin Leigh Davey, Ward 11; Henry George Goetz, Ward 11; Max Gross, Ward 11; William Jacobson, Ward 11; Carl Schrader, Ward 11; Martin H. Strange, Ward 11; Jeremiah Harrigan, Ward 12; Joseph P. Kolb, Ward 12; Frederick A. Nutt, Ward 12; Maurice D. Rosenberg, Ward 12; David Silverman, Ward 12; James J. Burns, Ward 13; John Patrick Guiney, Ward 13; Russell Harris, Ward 13; Warren A. MacDonald, Ward 13; Isadore Wallenstein, Ward 13; Edward L. Weare, Ward 13; Matthew B. Webb, Ward 13; Jack Berman, Ward 14; Charles A. McInnis, Ward 14; Hyman Polikoff, Ward 14; Harry E. Sklar, Ward 14; Samuel Stern, Ward 14; Sidney L. Wolper, Ward 14; Arnold T. Arnold, Ward 15; George L. Conway, Ward 15; Michael J. Crowley, Ward 15; Frank M. Gustafson, Ward 15; Francis Joseph Connell, Ward 16; Earle C. Craig, Ward 16; John F. Donovan, Ward 16; Austin P. Hunt, Ward 16; Louis F. Kunz, Ward 16; Homer T. Leonard, Ward 16; Walter E. Leslie, Ward 16; Joseph Rudman, Ward 16; Per Arthur Anderson, Ward 17; John R. Broderick, Ward 17; John A. Cassassa, Ward 17; Henry T. Lahey, Ward 17; Joseph J. F. March, Ward 17; Richard B. McSweeney, Ward 17; Joseph B. T. McWilliams, Ward 17; Gerald A. Sullivan, Ward 17; Jacob Winocoor, Ward 17; Charles M. Winters, Ward 17.

Harry Isaac Bernstein, Ward 18; Oscar F. L. Ericson, Ward 18; John J. Haverty, Ward 18; John Russell Moore, Ward 18; Henry Rose, Ward 18; John Warde, Ward 18; Richard C. Caldwell, Ward 19; John A. Colle, Ward 19; John H. Humphrey, Ward 19; Richard J. Quigley, Ward 19; Louis A. White, Ward 19; George J. Willis, Ward 19; Francis S. Carty, Ward 20; George H. Christopher, Ward 20; James F. Cunningham, Ward 20; Patrick J. Feeney, Ward 20; Gerald Harting, Ward 20; Harry J. Kilroy, Ward 20; David M. Mahoney, Ward 20; Walter F. McDonnell, Ward 20; Henry E. McDonough, Ward 20; Robert J. McGowan, Ward 20; John J. O'Brien, Ward 20; John J. Velton, Ward 20; Fred C. Widemann, Ward 20; Ernest A. Brown, Ward 21; John F. Burke, Ward 21; George W. Cushman, Ward 21; Barney Edelstein, Ward 21; Harry Goodman, Ward 21; John P. Jones, Ward 21; Edgar F. Matthews, Ward 21; George J. Maxwell, Ward 21; Charles D. McIntyre, Ward 21; Charles L. Richards, Ward 21; Philip Rubin, Ward 21; Sam C. Stanton, Ward 21; Henry Stearns, Ward 21; Albert F. White, Ward 21; David H. Winniek, Ward 21; William A. Barrett, Ward 22; John N. Johnson, Ward 22; Joseph M. Keefe, Ward 22; Warren A. Noble, Ward 22; Edmund James Rich, Ward 22.

Fifty-four traverse jurors, Superior Criminal Court, to appear October 4, 1948:

Thomas J. Rose, Ward 1; Charles W. Venedam, Ward 1; Thomas G. Evers, Ward 2; George P. Kelley, Ward 2; Arthur L. Athanas, Ward 3; Samuel G. Kaleel, Ward 3; Charles Ritchie, Ward 3; William C. Doherty, Ward 4; Morris E. Grady, Ward 4; John J. McNamara, Ward 4; Gustaf H. Roth, Ward 4; William G. Homeyer, Ward 5; Joseph Mikenas, Ward 6; William Ross, Ward 6; Herman Schreffler, Ward 6; Benjamin R. Davison, Ward 7; William F. Logan, Ward 7; Thomas J. McCabe, Ward 7; John J. Morrison, Ward 7; Richard J. Kelley, Ward 9; Leo F. MacNaughton, Ward 10; Leon B. Souther, Ward 10; William E. Damon, Ward 12; Harry Fingold, Ward 12; Haskell Rothberg, Ward 12; Walter D. Neville, Ward 13; Benjamin Scibeck, Ward 13; Edward J. Seitz, Ward 13; Benjamin H. Freedman, Ward 14; Israel Greenberg, Ward 14; Thomas P. Gaguin, Ward 15; Patrick F. McNamara, Ward 15; Michael T. Connell, Ward 16; Paul J. Locke, Ward 16; Robert W. McLean, Ward 16; William J. Murphy, Jr., Ward 16 James A. Cella, Ward 17; Walter E. Fletcher Ward 17; Edward F. West, Ward 17; Samuel Wiesman, Ward 17; John C. Benson, Ward 18; Donald A. Hilliard, Ward 18; Leo M. Sinopoli, Ward 18; Leonard M. Campbell, Ward 19; William V. Hawkes, Ward 19; Albert King, Ward 20; Martin Meehan, Ward 20; Warren

Shumway, Ward 20; Odber D. Smith, Ward 20; Daniel Halligan, Ward 21; Herbert J. Hanna, Ward 21; Henry Portnoi, Ward 21; William M. Sullivan, Ward 21; John J. Mansfield, Ward 22;

CONSTRUCTION OF SOUTH BOSTON PROJECT.

Councilor Linehan addressed the Council briefly on the construction of the South Boston Project after being given unanimous consent.

On motion of Councilor Kinsella, the Council voted to adjourn at 1.45 p. m., to meet on Thursday, September 9, 1948, at 1.15 p. m.

Note: All debate of City Council eliminated from proceedings in accordance with Chapter 447, Acts of 1947.

(Stenographic copy of such debate on file in office of City Clerk.)

CITY OF BOSTON PRINTING DEPARTMENT

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of City Council.

SPECIAL MEETING.

Thursday, September 9, 1948.

A special meeting of the City Council, adjourned from September 8, 1948, was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 1.15 p. m., President HANNON in the chair. Absent, Councilors Carey, Chase, Coffey, Cook, Linehan and Ramsey.

The meeting was opened with the salute to the Flag.

LOAN IN ANTICIPATION OF TAXES.

The Council took up the following matter of unfinished business, viz.:

Order for temporary loan of $15,000,000 in anticipation of taxes. On September 8, 1948, the said order was read once and passed, yeas 17, nays 0.

The question came on giving the order its second reading and passage. The order was passed, yeas 16, nays 0.

Yeas — Councilors Ansel, Beades, Bryan, Cantwell, Hannon, Hurley, Keenan, Kinsella, Lane, Lanigan, McCormack, Shanley, Sullivan, Tracy, Wenzler, Yerxa — 16.

Nays — 0.

On motion of Councilor Keenan, the Council voted to adjourn at 1.23 p. m., to meet on Monday, September 20, 1948, at 2 p. m.

Note: All debate of City Council eliminated from proceedings in accordance with Chapter 447, Acts of 1947.

(Stenographic copy of such debate on file in office of City Clerk.)

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of City Council.

Monday, September 20, 1948.

Regular meeting of the City Council held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 2 p. m., President HANNON in the chair. Absent, Councilors Carey and Coffey.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR.

Subject to confirmation by the Council, the Mayor submitted the following appointments for the term ending April 30, 1949:

Weighers of Goods: Thomas J. Griffin, 66 First street, Medford; Arthur E. Johnson, 108 Thornton street, Roxbury; W. H. Muldoon, 122 Englewood avenue, Brookline; James V. Cox, 17 Highgate street, Allston; Albert E. Hopgood, 1147 Court street, Brockton; William F. Kane, 43 Grew Hill road, Roslindale; Anna J. Jurek, 721 Hyde Park avenue, Roslindale; Barbara Casey, 74 Carolina avenue, Jamaica Plain.

Weighers of Coal: William F. Kane, 43 Grew Hill road, Roslindale; Anna J. Jurek, 721 Hyde Park avenue, Roslindale; Barbara Casey, 74 Carolina avenue, Jamaica Plain; Harold E. Levine, 315 St. Paul street, Brookline.

Severally referred to the Committee on Confirmations.

CITY HOSPITAL AIR CONDITIONING.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, September 16, 1948.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Superintendent of the Boston City Hospital, relative to your order of August 30, 1948, concerning the advisability of air conditioning of the City Hospital.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Hospital Department, September 10, 1948.

Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Mr. Mayor:

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees held today, the following order of the City Council was presented:

"Ordered, That the Trustees of the Boston City Hospital be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to consider the advisability of air-conditioning the City Hospital."

The Trustees instructed me to inform you that a certain amount of air-conditioning equipment has already been placed in the hospital this year. We contemplate the purchase of additional air-conditioning equipment for next year and look forward to continuing this program over a period of time.

Sincerely yours,
JAMES W. MANARY,
Superintendent.

Placed on file.

ACCEPTANCE OF ASHLAND STREET, WARD 16.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, September 9, 1948.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Board of Street Commissioners relative to your order of August 2, 1948, concerning the accepting and laying out of Ashland street, Ward 16, as a public highway.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Board of Street Commissioners,
City Hall Annex,
September 9, 1948.

Mr. Lawrence P. Gilligan,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your communication of August 6, relative to City Council order dated August 2, requesting that Ashland street, Dorchester, be accepted and laid out as a public highway, I beg to advise that plans are in progress and should be ready by the end of this month, after which time said improvement will be advertised for a public hearing.

Very truly yours,
L. W. COSTELLO, Secretary.

Placed on file.

USE OF CITY-OWNED LAND FOR HOUSING PROJECTS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, September 9, 1948.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Board of Street Commissioners, relative to your order of August 30, 1948, concerning available land under its jurisdiction which could be used for construction of housing facilities within the City of Boston.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Board of Street Commissioners,
City Hall Annex,
September 9, 1948.

Mr. Lawrence P. Gilligan,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your communication of September 2, in which you make reference to City Council order of August 30, requesting a report as to all available land under this Board's jurisdiction which could be used for the construction of housing facilities within the City of Boston, I beg to advise that land under control of the Board at the present time would not be available for such construction.

The largest area under the jurisdiction of the Board is located on Moreland street (private) in West Roxbury and contains 30,000 square feet, more or less, and is being used as a public works yard to great advantage.

Very truly yours,
L. W. COSTELLO, Secretary.

Placed on file.

ACCEPTANCE OF PARAGON ROAD, WARD 20.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, September 9, 1948.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Board of Street Commissioners, relative to your order of August 30, 1948, concerning the laying out and construction of Paragon road, Ward 20, as a public highway for the best interests of all the residents on the street.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Board of Street Commissioners,
September 8, 1948.

Mr. Lawrence P. Gilligan,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your communication of September 2, in which you make reference to Council order of August 30, requesting the Board to lay out and construct Paragon road as a public highway, I beg to advise that an order of the Board was approved by his Honor the Mayor on September 1, and copy of said order and plan was filed in the Registry of Deeds as of this date.

Any further correspondence relative to this matter should be referred to the Commissioner of Public Works, who, under the law, has a period of two years from the date of approval by his Honor the Mayor to commence construction.

Very truly yours,
L. W. Costello, Secretary.

Placed on file.

CARR — HEFFERNAN SQUARE.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, September 9, 1948.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Board of Street Commissioners, relative to your order dated August 30, 1948, concerning the naming of the space at the junction of Weld and Centre streets, Ward 20, Carr — Heffernan square, in honor of two veterans of World War II who died in the service of their country, and erecting suitable signs designating same.

Respectfully,
James M. Curley, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Board of Street Commissioners,
September 9, 1948.

Mr. Lawrence P. Gilligan,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Sir:

Replying to your communication of September 2, relative to Council order dated August 30, requesting that the space at the junction of Weld and Centre streets, Ward 20, be named Carr — Heffernan square, I beg to advise that a meeting of said committee is scheduled for November, at which time said order will be given consideration.

Very truly yours,
L. W. Costello, Secretary.

Placed on file.

ANGELO GUIDA CORSETTI SQUARE.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, September 8, 1948.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Board of Street Commissioners, relative to your order dated August 30, 1948, concerning the naming of the intersection of Perth and Quincy streets, Ward 13, Angelo Guida Corsetti square, in honor of a boy from that district who gave his life in the service of our country.

Respectfully,
James M. Curley, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Board of Street Commissioners,
September 7, 1948.

Mr. Lawrence P. Gilligan,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Sir:

Replying to your communication of September 2, relative to Council order dated August 30, 1948, requesting that the intersection of Perth and Quincy streets, Ward 13, be named Angelo Guida Corsetti square, I beg to advise that a meeting of said committee is scheduled for November, at which time said order will be given consideration.

Very truly yours,
L. W. Costello, Secretary.

Placed on file.

FRANK J. PIAZZA SQUARE.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, September 8, 1948.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Committee to Memorialize Veterans, relative to your order dated August 30, 1948, concerning the naming of the space at the corner of Walter and Centre streets, Ward 20, Pfc. Frank J. Piazza square, in honor of a veteran of World War II who was killed in northern Italy on March 3, 1945, and erecting suitable signs designating same.

Respectfully,
James M. Curley, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Board of Street Commissioners,
September 7, 1948.

Mr. Lawrence P. Gilligan,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Sir:

Replying to your communication of September 2, relative to Council order dated August 30, 1948, requesting that the space at the junction of Walter and Centre streets, Ward 20, be named Frank J. Piazza square, I beg to advise that a meeting of said committee is scheduled for November, at which time said order will be given consideration.

Very truly yours,
L. W. Costello, Secretary.

Placed on file.

GIOUSE J. FIORENTINO SQUARE.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, September 8, 1948.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Committee to Memorialize Veterans, regarding your order of August 30, 1948, concerning the naming of the space at the junction of Franklin and North Harvard streets, Ward 22, Sergt. Giouse J. Fiorentino square, in honor of a veteran of World War II who died in the service of his country, and erecting suitable signs designating same.

Respectfully,
James M. Curley, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Board of Street Commissioners,
September 7, 1948.

Mr. Lawrence P. Gilligan,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Sir:

Replying to your communication of September 2, relative to Council order dated August 30, 1948, requesting that the space at the junction of Franklin and North Harvard streets, Ward 22, be named Sergt. Giouse J. Fiorentino square, I beg to advise that a meeting of said committee is scheduled for November, at which time said order will be given consideration.

Very truly yours,
L. W. Costello, Secretary.

Placed on file.

CLEANING OF CITY-OWNED PROPERTY ON DENNY STREET, DORCHESTER.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, September 13, 1948.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Board of Real Estate Commissioners, relative to your order of August 30, 1948, concerning the cleaning up of the debris caused by the removal of properties on Denny street, Dorchester.

Very truly yours,
James M. Curley, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Board of Real Estate Commissioners,
September 13, 1948.

Lawrence P. Gilligan,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Sir:

Regarding Council order of August 30, 1948, with reference to property on Denny street, Dorchester, I wish to inform you that this work has been incomplete, and the wrecking company advises me that the matter will be taken care of immediately. The delay was due to labor trouble which all the wreckers were faced with recently.

You may rest assured that the wrecker will not be paid for his services until the matter is cleaned up in the proper manner.

Very truly yours,
Irving Lewis, Chairman.

Placed on file.

USE OF REAL ESTATE COMMISSION LAND FOR HOUSING PURPOSES.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, September 13, 1948.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Board of Real Estate Commissioners, relative to your order of August 30, 1948, concerning available land under its jurisdiction which could be used for the construction of housing facilities within the City of Boston.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Board of Real Estate Commissioners,
September 13, 1948.

Lawrence P. Gilligan,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.

Subject: Council Order, August 30, 1948.

Dear Sir:

I wish to inform you that the Board of Real Estate Commissioners consulted at great length with representatives of the Boston Housing Authority relative to their using property in the control of the Real Estate Commission.

The Commission made available to them all properties which we had and, after their inspection and investigation, they requested that we reserve for their use various properties in our control.

Some of these properties have been used, or are being used; other properties are being reserved for their use as they have requested.

Very truly yours,
IRVING LEWIS, Chairman.

Placed on file.

BENCHES ON HEAD HOUSE PIER.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, September 15, 1948.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Park Department, relative to your order dated August 30, 1948, concerning the repairing of all the benches on Head House Pier.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor

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City of Boston,
Park Department, September 13, 1948

Lawrence P. Gilligan,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.

Dear Sir:

In answer to your memorandum with enclosure, City Council order requesting the Park Commission to have all the benches on Head House Pier repaired at once, I wish to say that arrangements have been made to have this work started tomorrow, September 14.

Very truly yours,
JOHN J. MURPHY, Chairman.

Placed on file.

TRANSFERS OF APPROPRIATIONS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, September 20, 1948.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

The enclosed requests for transfer of appropriations, together with the accompanying orders, are forwarded for consideration and adoption by your Honorable Body.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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Ordered, That in accordance with the provisions of section 3B of chapter 486 of the Acts of 1909, as amended by chapter 604 of the Acts of 1941, the City Auditor be, and hereby is, authorized to transfer:

From the appropriation for Building Department, A-1, Permanent Employees, $15,600, to the appropriation for Assessing Department, A-1, Permanent Employees, $5,600, A-3, Unassigned, $10,000.

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Ordered, That in accordance with the provisions of section 3B of chapter 486 of the Acts of 1909, as amended by chapter 604 of the Acts of 1941, the City Auditor be, and hereby is, authorized to transfer:

From the appropriation for Boston Traffic Commission, E-13, Miscellaneous Materials, $7,000, to the appropriation for Boston Traffic Commission, A-2, Temporary Employees, $7,000.

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Ordered, That in accordance with the provisions of section 3B of chapter 486 of the Acts of 1909, as amended by chapter 604 of the Acts of 1941, the City Auditor be, and hereby is, authorized to transfer:

From the appropriation for County Buildings, A-1, Permanent Employees, $5,000, to the appropriation for Public Buildings Department, A-1, Temporary Employees, $5,000.

Severally referred to the Executive Committee.

AMENDMENT OF COUNTY COMPENSATION AND CLASSIFICATION PLANS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, September 8, 1948.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

The attached proposal by the Budget Commissioner to amend the Compensation and Classification plans for the Officers and Employees of Suffolk County, as it affects the clerks and assistant clerks in the District Courts of the County of Suffolk, is hereby approved and transmitted for consideration and adoption by your Honorable Body.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Budget Department, September 8, 1948.

To the Mayor and City Council.
Honorable Dear Sirs:

Rule 7 of the Compensation and Classification Plans for the Officers and Employees of Suffolk County, entitled, "Amendment of the Compensation Plan," provides: "Whenever in his judgment the compensation for any class or group of classes, as provided in the compensation plan, is in need of revision, the Budget Commissioner shall report such fact, in writing, to the City Council, together with his reasons therefor and with revised schedules of compensation for such class or classes and also for any related class, the compensation for which would be thrown out of due relation by the adoption of such revised schedules. Any proposed amendment shall become effective upon approval by the City Council, subject to the provisions of the City Charter."

Acting under authority of the above rule, and as a result of conferences with a committee composed of the clerks of the District Courts, there are submitted herewith revised schedules for the classes, Clerk of Court, First Assistant Clerk of Court, and Assistant Clerk of Court for the District Courts of Suffolk County. These revisions will more equitably adjust the salaries of the clerks and assistant clerks of the District Courts in proportion to the salaries of the justices, whose salaries, in most instances, have been increased by legislative acts twice since the present ranges of compensation were established for the clerks and assistant clerks, the latter increase for the justices to be effective next January first. The proposed revision also equalizes the salaries of the clerks and assistant clerks in relation to each other. The present and proposed ranges of compensation in the classes involved are as follows:

CLERK OF COURT.

COURT.	Present Range.	Proposed Range.
Roxbury and Dorchester	$4,900–$5,100– 5,300– 5,400–	$5,500–$5,700– 5,900– 6,000–
West Roxbury, Charlestown, South Boston,	4,100– 4,300–	4,600– 4,800–
Chelsea, East Boston, and Brighton,	4,500– 4,600–	5,000– 5,100–

First Assistant Clerk of Court.

Court.	Present Range.	Proposed Range.
Roxbury and Dorchester	$3,600–$3,900– 4,200– 4,400–	$4,500–$4,700– 4,900– 5,000–
West Roxbury	3,500– 3,600– 3,700–	3,600– 3,800– 4,000– 4,100–
Charlestown	3,200– 3,300– 3,400– 3,500–	3,600– 3,800– 4,000– 4,100–
South Boston	3,200– 3,400– 3,500–	3,600– 3,800– 4,000– 4,100–
Chelsea	2,900– 3,100– 3,300– 3,400–	3,600– 3,800– 4,000– 4,100–
East Boston	2,900– 3,100– 3,300– 3,400–	3,600– 3,800– 4,000– 4,100–
Brighton	3,400– 3,500– 3,700–	3,600– 3,800– 4,000– 4,100–

Second Assistant Clerk of Court.

Court.	Present Range.	Proposed Range.
Roxbury and Dorchester	$3,500–$3,600–	$3,500–$3,700– 3,900– 4,000–
West Roxbury	2,900– 3,100– 3,300– 3,400–	2,900– 3,100– 3,300– 3,400–
Charlestown	2,900– 3,000– 3,100– 3,200–	2,900– 3,100– 3,300– 3,400–
South Boston	2,900– 3,000– 3,100– 3,200–	2,900– 3,100– 3,300– 3,400–
East Boston	2,600– 2,800– 3,000– 3,100–	2,900– 3,100– 3,300– 3,400–
Brighton	3,000– 3,200– 3,400–	2,900– 3,100– 3,300– 3,400–

Third and Fourth Assistant Clerk of Court.

Court.	Present Range.	Proposed Range.
Roxbury	$3,400–$3,500–	$3,300–$3,500– 3,700– 3,800–

The accompanying order of amendment to the plan is forwarded herewith for consideration and adoption by your Honorable Body.

Respectfully yours,
John A. Sullivan,
Budget Commissioner.

Ordered, That the Compensation and Classification Plans and Rules for the Officers and Employees of Suffolk County, as adopted by the City Council on April 13, 1931, and approved by the Mayor on April 15, 1931, as amended, be, and the same hereby are, further amended as follows:

Strike out the classification "Clerk of Court," and insert in its place thereof the following classification:

Title of Class: Clerk of Court.

Duties: Under legislative authority, to plan, control, direct and supervise the issuance, recording, docketing and indexing of legal process; to have official custody of court records; to have charge of the receipt of all court fines, penalties and fees; to keep accounts of revenues collected; and to perform other related work.

Range of Compensation: Roxbury and Dorchester District Courts—annual, $5,500–$5,700–$5,900–$6,000; all other District Courts— annual, $4,600–$4,800–$5,000–$5,100.

Strike out the classification "First Assistant Clerk of Court," and insert in its place thereof the following classification:

Title of Class: First Assistant Clerk of Court.

Duties: Under general direction, to assist in planning, directing and supervising the issuance, recording, docketing and indexing of legal process; to act as clerk in a session of a court upon assignment, and to keep a record of its proceedings; to advise with counsel, litigants, and the public relative to court practices, procedure, and the status of cases; and to perform other related work.

Range of Compensation: Roxbury and Dorchester District Courts— annual, $4,500–$4,700–$4,900–$5,000; all other District Courts annual, $3,600–$3,800–$4,000–$4,100.

Strike out the classification "Assistant Clerk of Court," and insert in its place thereof the following classification:

Title of Class: Assistant Clerk of Court.

Duties: Under general direction, to act as clerk in a session of a court upon assignment and to keep a record of its proceedings; to make tabular reports of the work of the court; to advise with counsel, litigants, and the public relative to court practices, procedure, and the status of cases; and to perform other related work.

Range of Compensation: Second Assistant Clerk of Court, Roxbury and Dorchester District Courts— annual, $3,500–$3,700–$3,900–$4,000; all other District Courts— annual, $2,900–$3,100–$3,300–$3,400; Third and Fourth Assistant Clerk of Court, Roxbury District Court, annual, $3,300–$3,500–$3,700–$3,800.

Referred to the Committee on County Accounts.

SALE OF LAND IN HYDE PARK.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, September 9, 1948.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

The City of Boston is owner of a large piece of land in the Hyde Park section, comprising approximately 693,810 square feet, located on the Mattapan-Milton State Highway. This land came into possession of the city at the time of the annexation of Hyde Park, and has never been used in the interim period for any public purpose. It now appears that there is little possibility the City of Boston will need this land for any public purpose.

In view of the fact that this unused land is in a section of the city where considerable home building is now going on, it seems more than likely that the sale of this land will result in the building of numerous homes. It is my opinion that the city government should facilitate and aid in every possible way the building of homes, so that the critical shortage of available homes might be diminished. It is also my opinion that city-owned land, no longer needed for any public purpose, should be disposed of and placed in taxable hands.

For the above reasons, I forward herewith three orders for the sale of the above-referred-to land at public auction, and most respectfully request prompt approval of these orders by your Honorable Body.

Respectfully,
James M. Curley, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Public Works, Department,
September 7, 1948.

Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Mr. Mayor:

When Hyde Park was annexed to Boston under the provisions of chapter 469 of the Acts of 1911, there came into the possession of the Public Works Department two large areas of land which had been used by the town in connection with its water supply.

One of these pieces of land, a large area at Milton and River streets in the town of Dedham, was sold recently at public auction, after authorization by the City Council. The other piece of land is an area containing approximately 693,810 square feet, located on the Mattapan-Milton State Highway. This piece of land has never been used for any purpose by the City of Boston since it was acquired, and there is no possibility that it will ever be put to use, as far as the city is concerned. I consider that it would be advisable to dispose of this area of land so as to make it availabe for building construction.

With that in mind, at the request of this office, the Law Department has prepared three orders which I respectfully submit to your Honor, with the recommendation that these orders be presented to the City Council so that the Council may authorize a sale at public auction. Parcel A contains approximately 207,810 square feet: Parcel B approximately 251,000 square feet; and Parcel C approximately 235,000 square feet; all as shown on the accompanying blueprint of plan dated July 2, 1948, and signd by Thomas F. McGovern, Chief Engineer of the Street Laying-Out Department.

Respectfully yours,
Robert P. Curley,
Commissioner of Public Works.

Whereas, The City of Boston owns in fee a certain parcel of land containing approximately two hundred seven thousand eight hundred ten (207,810) square feet, situated on the easterly side of State Highway and bounded by Wolcott and Washington streets in the Hyde Park district. The title to the said land was acquired by the inhabitants of Hyde Park by deed dated March 29, 1910, recorded with Norfolk Deeds, Book 1137, page 528, and vested in the City of Boston

through the annexation of the town of Hyde Park to the City of Boston by the provisions of chapter 469 of the Acts of 1911; and

Whereas, The said parcel of land, hereinafter described, is no longer needed for public purposes; now, therefore, it is hereby

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works of the City of Boston be, and be hereby is, authorized to sell at public auction at an upset price of ten thousand five hundred (10,500) dollars the said parcel of land hereinafter described, subject, however, to the exception and reservation hereinafter specified; and it is hereby further

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor of the City of Boston be, and he hereby is, authorized to execute and deliver in the name and behalf of the City of Boston to a purchaser at said public auction a written instrument, satisfactory in form to the Law Department of the City of Boston, conveying all the City of Boston's right, title, and interest in and to said parcel of land, subject, however, to the exception and reservation in the City of Boston to lay, construct, maintain, operate, repair, and renew sewerage works in and through said parcel of land in the location designated therefor on the plan hereinafter referred to. Said parcel of land is bounded and described as follows:

Northeasterly by Wolcott road, five hundred eighty-five (585.00) feet; southeasterly by Washington street, five hundred sixty-three and 54-100 (563.54) feet; westerly by State Highway by three measurements, four and 51-100 (4.51) feet on a curve of a radius of R=3,796.32 feet, six hundred thirty-eight and 83-100 (638.83) feet, and one hundred twenty-seven and 53-100 (127.53) feet on a curve of a radius of R=1,950 feet; northeasterly by land now or formerly of Harry T. Talty, twenty-three and 37-100 (23.37) feet; northwesterly by land now or formerly of Harry T. Talty, ninety (90.00) feet; containing two hundred seven thousand eight hundred ten (207,810-) square feet of land, more or less. Said parcel of land designated as "Parcel A" and all of said measurements, together with the location of the right and easement for sewerage works excepted and reserved unto the City of Boston designated as "Reserved for Sewer Easement 10 Feet Wide," are shown on a plan marked "City of Boston, State Highway, Hyde Park, July 2, 1948, Thomas F. McGovern, Chief Engineer, Street Laying-Out Department." The original of said plan is on file in the office of the Street Laying-Out Department, City Hall, Boston, Mass.

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Whereas, The City of Boston owns in fee a certain parcel of land containing approximately two hundred fifty-one thousand (251,000) square feet, situated on the westerly side of State Highway and bounded by the Neponset River in the Hyde Park district. The title to the said land was acquired by the inhabitants of Hyde Park by deed dated March 29, 1910, recorded with Norfolk Deeds, Book 1137, page 528, and vested in the City of Boston through the annexation of the town of Hyde Park to the City of Boston by the provisions of chapter 469 of the Acts of 1911; and

Whereas, The said parcel of land, hereinafter described, is no longer needed for public purposes; now, therefore, it is hereby

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works of the City of Boston be, and be hereby is, authorized to sell at public auction at an upset price of twelve thousand five hundred (12,500) dollars the said parcel of land hereinafter described, subject, however, to the exception and reservation hereinafter specified; and, it is hereby further

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor of the City of Boston be, and be hereby is, authorized to execute and deliver in the name and behalf of the City of Boston to a purchaser at said public auction a written instrument, satisfactory in form to the Law Department of the City of Boston, conveying all the City of Boston's right, title, and interest in and to said parcel of land, subject, however, to the exception and reservation in the City of Boston to lay, construct, maintain, operate, repair, and renew sewerage works in and through said parcel of land in the location designated therefor on the plan hereinafter referred to. Said parcel of land is bounded and described as follows:

Easterly by State Higbway, one thousand one hundred ninety and 42-100 (1,190.42) feet on a curve of a radius of R=3,908.62 feet; southerly by the Boston-Milton boundary line, one hundred thirty-seven and 58-100 (137.58) feet; westerly by the Neponset River, one thousand four hundred (1,400- +) feet, more or less; northerly by land of the City of Boston, four hundred ten (410- +) feet, more or less; containing two hundred fifty-one thousand (251,000- +) square feet of land, more or less. Said parcel of land designated as "Parcel B" and all of said measurements, together with the location of the right and easement for drainage purposes excepted and reserved unto the City of Boston designated as "Easement for Drain," are shown on a plan marked "City of Boston, State Highway, Hyde Park, July 2, 1948, Thomas F. McGovern, Chief Engineer, Street Laying-Out Department." The original plan is on file in the office of the Street Laying-Out Department, City Hall, Boston, Mass.

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Whereas, the City of Boston owns in fee a certain parcel of land containing approximately two hundred thirty-five thousand (235,000) square feet, situated on the westerly side of State Highway and bounded by the Neponset River and land of the New York, New Haven, & Hartford Railroad Company in the Hyde Park district. The title to the said land was acquired by the inhabitants of Hyde Park by deed dated March 29, 1910, recorded with Norfolk Deeds, Book 1137, page 528, and vested in the City of Boston through the annexation of the town of Hyde Park to the City of Boston by the provisions of chapter 469 of the Acts of 1911; and

Whereas, the said parcel of land, hereinafter described, is no longer needed for public purposes; now, therefore it is hereby

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works of the City of Boston be, and he hereby is, authorized to sell at public auction at an upset price of twelve thousand (12,000) dollars the said parcel of land hereinafter described, subject, however, to the right and easement of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts hereinafter specified; and it is hereby further

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor of the City of Boston be and he hereby is, authorized to execute and deliver in the name and behalf of the City of Boston to a purchaser at said public auction a written instrument, satisfactory in form to the Law Department of the City of Boston, conveying all the City of Boston's right, title, and interest in and to said parcel of land, subject, however, to the right and easement in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to lay, construct, maintain, operate, repair, and renew sewerage works in and through said parcel of land in the location designated therefor on the plan hereinafter referred to. Said parcel ofland is bounded and described as follows:

Easterly by State Highway by three measurements, two hundred twenty-two and 48/100 (222.48) feet, five hundred fifty-two and 95/100 (552.95) feet on a curve of a radius of R-2,050.00 feet, and six hundred twenty-nine and 51/100 (629.51) feet; southerly by land of City of Boston subject to Commonwealth of Massachusetts, easement for drain, four hundred (400) feet, more or less; northwesterly by the Neponset River, five hundred ninety (590) feet, more or less; westerly by land now or formerly of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad Company by two measurements, one hundred fifty-two and 20/100 (152.20) feet and fifty-seven and 35/100 (57 35) feet on curve of a radius of R-250.00 feet; southwesterly by other land of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad Company, fifty-four and 98/100 (54.98) feet on a curve of a radius of R-50.00 feet; northwesterly by other land of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad Company by two measurements, one hundred five and 80/100 (105.80) feet and five hundred sixty-nine and 38/100 (569.38) feet on a curve of a radius of R-5,659.65; containing two hundred thirty-five thousand (235,000) square feet of land, more or less. Said parcel of land designated as "Parcel C" and all of said measurements, together with the location of the right and easement of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for drainage purposes designated as "Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Easement for Drain," are shown on a plan marked "City of Boston, State Highway, Hyde Park, July 2, 1948, Thomas F. McGovern, Chief Engineer, Street Laying-Out Department." The original plan is on file in the office of the Street Laying-Out Department, City Hall, Boston, Mass.

Referred to the committee on Public Lands.

PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received and referred to the committees named, viz.:

Claims.

Earl F. Bacon, Inc., refund on used car license fee.

John A. Berrigan, to be reimbursed for accident which occurred while in performance of duty.

Evelyn E. Brock, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at 21 Aldie street.

Antonetta Cataldo, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at 423 Hanover street.

John F. Collier, to be reimbursed as result of accident which occurred while in performance of duty.

Peter Di Benedetto, for compensation for damage to property at 57 Bigelow street, caused by excavating work done by Water Division.

Dr. Brown M. Dobyns, for compensation for damage to car by police car.

Eleanor E. Driscoll, for compensation for damage to property at 372 Gallivan Boulevard, caused by overflow of sewer.

Mrs. James A. Ecker, for compensation for damage to property at 50 Sturges road, caused by balls thrown from Billings Playground.

Edward P. Elmo, to be reimbursed as result of accident which occurred while in performance of duty.

Mrs. Edward J. Farrell, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at Huntington and South Huntington avenues.

James L. Flynn, for compensation for damage to car by police car.

Charles Goldberg, for reimbursement as result of accident which occurred while in performance of duty.

George V. Hayward, to be reimbursed as result of accident which occurred at 58 Pemberton square.

Anthony P. Iannone, for compensation for damage to property caused by an alleged defect at Meridian street Bridge.

James H. Kelley, for compensation for loss of shoes while working at Charles River Pumping House.

Louis Kolow, for compensation for damage to car by fire truck.

Thomas F. Larkin, Jr., to be reimbursed as result of accident which occurred while in performance of duty.

John J. Leonard, to be reimbursed as result of accident which occurred while in performance of duty.

Francis J. Loughran, for compensation for damage to car by fire apparatus.

Joseph P. Lynch, for compensation for damage to car caused by an alleged defect at 2641 Washington street, Roxbury.

Massachusetts Plate Glass Insurance Company, for compensation for damage to property at 522 and 524 Dudley street, caused by fire apparatus.

Patrick J. McCauley, to be reimbursed for execution issued against him.

Mrs. Joseph McGonagle, for compensation for damage to property at 68 Easton street, caused by removal of tree by Park Department.

Richard B. Mullen, to be reimbursed as result of accident which occurred while in performance of duty.

Warren Payne, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at 7 Salem street.

Katherine B. Power, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at Euston road and Claymoss road.

Thomas E. Purcell, for compensation for damage to car by patrol wagon.

Margaret Ring, for compensation for damage to property at 599 East Sixth street, caused by broken water main.

Henry H. Sobie, for compensation for damage to car by city truck.

Ellen G. Spillane, for compensation for damage to property at 159 Cedar street, caused by blasting during sewer construction.

Helen Tracy, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at 3911 Washington street.

Mary Whitley, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in Leeds street.

Worth of Boston, for compensation for damage to property at 406 Boylston street, during installation of new sidewalk.

Edward R. Zaccardi, for compensation for damage to car by fire apparatus.

Albert A. Zilen, for compensation for damage to car by city truck.

Executive.

Petition of Bertha J. Jobert to be paid annuity on account of death of husband, Arthur J. Jobert, late member of Police Department.

Petition of Mary E. Foster to be paid annuity on account of death of husband, William J. Foster, late member of Fire Department.

APPROVAL OF CONSTABLES' BONDS.

The bonds of the following constables, having been duly approved by the City Treasurer, were received and approved by the Council, viz:

Telemaco Del Sette, Max Kaplan, and Andrew J. Palermo.

NOTICE OF INTEREST IN CONTRACT.

Notice was received from William H. Ellis, member of Board of Appeal, of interest of W. H. Ellis & Son Company, in contract for work to be performed on Warren Bridge.

Placed on file.

HEARING BEFORE PORT OF BOSTON AUTHORITY.

Notice of hearing to Boston & Maine Railroad on application to dump snow and ice into tide waters during winter of 1948–49 from certain locations.

Placed on file.

HEARING BEFORE PUBLIC UTILITIES DEPARTMENT.

Notice of hearing on petition of State Department of Public Works for construction and maintenance of a spur track at grade across Prescott street, East Boston.

Notice of hearing on petition of Boston Edison for zone change on Bernard street, Dorchester.

Severally placed on file.

KEEPING OF CEMETERY RECORDS.

A communication was received from the City Clerk concerning the keeping of cemetery records.

Placed on file.

APPROVALS OF STATE BOARD OF HOUSING.

Notices were received from the State Board of Housing as follows:

Approval on veterans' housing project on Baker street in the amount of $21,000 for gravel fill and loam.

Approval on veterans' housing project on River street in the amounts of $858 for draining cellars, $192 for relocation of electric services, and $4,469.80 for wall paper.

Severally placed on file.

HOUSING FOR DISPLACED CHARLESTOWN PERSONS.

The following was received:

Commonwealth of Massachusetts,
State House, September 3, 1948.

Mr. John B. Hynes,
City Clerk.

Dear Mr. Hynes:

In the absence of His Excellency the Governor, this is to acknowledge receipt of the resolve, adopted by the Boston City Council requesting His Excellency to call a special session of the Legislature relative to emergency housing relief in Charlestown and Chelsea. I shall bring the matter to His Excellency's attention immediately upon his return.

Very truly yours,
WALTER R. BAYLISS,
Legislative Secretary.

Placed on file.

PURCHASE OF LAND FOR PLAYGROUND IN BRIGHTON DISTRICT.

On motion of Councilor Shanley, the Council called up, under unfinished business, No. 1 on the Calendar, viz:

1. Order for appropriation of $25,760 for purchase of land for playground on Faneuil street, Brighton.

On August 30, 1948, the said order was read once and passed, yeas 18, nays 0.

The question came on giving the order its second reading and passage. The order was passed, yeas 18, nays 0:

Yeas — Councilors Ansel, Beades, Bryan, Cantwell, Chase, Cook, Hannon, Hurley, Keenan, Kinsella, Lanigan, Linehan, McCormack, Ramsey, Shanley, Sullivan, Wenzler, Yerxa — 18.

Nays — 0.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONFIRMATIONS.

Coun. ANSEL, for the Committee on Confirmations, submitted the following:

Report on appointment by the Mayor (referred August 30) of Reed Freeman as weigher of goods for term ending April 30, 1949 — recommending confirmation of appointment.

Report on appointment by the Mayor (referred August 30) of Edward Novick as weigher of coal for term ending April 30, 1949 — recommending confirmation of appointment.

The reports were accepted, and the question came on confirmation. Committee, Councilors McCormack and Wenzler. Whole number of ballots 13, yeas 13, and the appointments were confirmed.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CLAIMS.

Coun. LANIGAN, for the Committee on Claims, submitted the following:

Report on petition of Thomas H. McKenzie (referred August 2,) to be reimbursed as a result of an execution issued against him on account of his acts as operator of a motor truck belonging to the Paving Division, Public Works Department—recommending passage of the accompanying order, viz:

Ordered, That the sum of six hundred thirty dollars and forty-eight cents ($630.48) be allowed and paid to Thomas H. McKenzie in reimbursement for amount of execution issued against him on account of his acts as operator of a motor truck belonging to the Paving Division, Public Works Department, said sum to be charged to the Contingent Fund.

Report on petition of Richard M. Horrigan (referred August 30) to be reimbursed as a result of an execution issued against him on account of his acts as a member of the Boston Police Department—recommending passage of the accompanying order, viz.:

Ordered, That the sum of one thousand dollars ($1,000) be allowed and paid to Richard M. Horrigan in reimbursement for amount of execution issued against him on account of his acts as a member of the Boston Police Department, said sum to be charged to the Contingent Fund.

Report on petition of William Kelly (referred July 19) to be reimbursed as a result of an execution issued against him on account of his acts as operator of a motor truck belonging to the Paving Division, Public Works Department—recommending passage of the accompanying order, viz.:

Ordered, That the sum of seventy-five dollars ($75) be allowed and paid to William Kelly in reimbursement for amount of execution issued against him on account of his acts as operator of a motor truck belonging to the Paving Division, Public Works Department, said sum to be charged to the Contingent Fund.

Report on petition of John Shallah (referred August 2) to be reimbursed as a result of an execution issued against him on account of his acts as operator of a motor truck belonging to the School Department—recommending passage of the accompanying order, viz.:

Ordered, That the sum of fifty dollars ($50) be allowed and paid to John Shallah in reimbursement for amount of execution issued against him on account of his acts as operator of a motor truck belonging to the School Department, said sum to be charged to the Contingent Fund.

Reports accepted; said orders severally passed.

ROPING OFF OF STREETS FOR C.Y.O. PARADE.

Coun. HANNON offered the following:

Ordered, That the City Messenger be directed to arrange for roping off the streets along the route of the C.Y.O. Parade, to be conducted on Sunday, October 3, 1948, the expense of same to be charged to the City Council fund for ropes, flags and stakes.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

ACCEPTANCE OF CHAPTER 552 OF THE ACTS OF 1948.

Coun. BRYAN and HANNON offered the following:

Ordered, That chapter 552 of the Acts of 1948, entitled "An Act Increasing Annuities to Dependents of Certain Public Employees Killed or Dying from Injuries Received or Hazards Undergone in the Performance of Duty," be, and hereby is, accepted.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

EDWARD J. McFADDEN SQUARE.

Coun. BEADES offered the following:

Ordered, That the Committee to Memorialize Veterans be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to name the space at the junction of Elmdale and Adams streets, Ward 16, Edward J. McFadden square, in honor of this veteran who gave his life in the service of his country.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

LIST OF QUALIFICATIONS FOR TENANCY IN HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS.

Coun. KINSELLA offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to ask the Boston Housing Authority to make available to each Councilor the latest revised list concerning incomes and other qualifications for tenancy in the housing developments under its control.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

RECLAIMING LITTLE MYSTIC FOR COMMERCIAL PURPOSE.

Coun. KINSELLA offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to consult with the Boston Port Authority for the purpose of determining the possibility of filling in Little Mystic, so called, between the Chelsea South Draw and Terminal street in Charlestown, after which the reclaimed area may be used for commercial purposes.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

WIDENING RUTHERFORD AVENUE.

Coun. KINSELLA offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to consult with the Boston Traffic Commission relative to the possibility of widening the Rutherford avenue approach into City square, at the corner of Rutherford avenue and City square on the inbound side.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

Coun. McCORMACK in the chair.

ABATEMENT OF 1948 TAXES IN MYSTIC RIVER BRIDGE AREA.

Coun. KINSELLA offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to instruct the Boston Board of Assessors to ascertain from Henry F. Long, Commissioner of Cor-

porations and Taxation, the possibility of abating the 1948 real estate taxes to property owners in the area of the Mystic River Bridge, whose property was taken by eminent domain as of April 1, 1948, said abatement to apply to the last nine months of 1948.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

TRAFFIC CONDITIONS, ADAMS STREET AND GALLIVAN BOULEVARD.

Coun. BEADES offered the following:

Ordered, That the Traffic Commissioner be directed, through his Honor the Mayor, to take steps to immediately alleviate the present traffic conditions at the junction of Adams street and Gallivan Boulevard, including Minot street, with a view to installing new traffic lights and an island.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

RECESS.

The Chairman announced that the officials of the Metropolitan Transit Authority and the Law Department were waiting in the Executive Chambers. On motion of Councilor Sullivan, the Council voted to take a recess at 3.10 p. m., subject to the call of the Chair. The members reassembled and were called to order by Chairman McCormack at 5.17 p. m.

CONSTRUCTION OF PRIMARY SCHOOL IN CORRIGANVILLE AREA, WARD 18.

Coun. CANTWELL offered the following:

Ordered, That the School Committee be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to immediately provide for the construction of a primary school in the Corriganville section of Ward 18, to replace the old Fairmount School, built in 1881, the top floor of which has been condemned by the School Buildings Department.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

CONSTRUCTION OF PRIMARY SCHOOL IN READVILLE AREA, WARD 18.

Coun. CANTWELL offered the following:

Ordered, That the School Committee be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to immediately provide for the construction of a new primary school to replace the old Hemenway School in the Readville section of Ward 18.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

ACCEPTANCE OF LINWOOD STREET, WARD 18.

Coun. CANTWELL offered the following:

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out as a public thoroughfare Linwood street, from 30 Linwood street to Child street, Hyde Park.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

ACCEPTANCE OF BLANCHARD STREET, WARD 18.

Coun. CANTWELL offered the following:

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out Blanchard street, Readville, as a public way.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

TRAFFIC SURVEY ON PRINCE STREET.

Coun. LANIGAN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Traffic Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to make a survey of Prince street, between Hanover street and North square, with a view to determining the best method of eliminating the hazardous condition which now exists there due to the turning of buses at this particular spot.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

INSTALLATION OF ARC LIGHT AT JUNCTION OF SUN COURT AND NORTH STREET.

Coun. LANIGAN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to install an arc light at the junction of Sun court and North street, Ward 3.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

INSTALLATION OF ARC LIGHT ON NORTH MARGIN STREET, WARD 3.

Coun. LANIGAN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to install an arc light on North Margin street, opposite the health unit, between Thacher and Cooper streets, Ward 3.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

THE NEXT MEETING.

On motion of Councilor Sullivan, the Council voted that, when it adjourn, it be to meet on Monday, October 4, 1948, at 2 p. m.

SCHOOL BUS LINE FROM OLD HARBOR VILLAGE.

Coun. LINEHAN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Metropolitan Transit Authority Trustees be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to establish a bus line for school children for transportation from Old Harbor Village, South Boston, to Monsignor Patterson School, B and Third streets, South Boston.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

CONSTRUCTION OF SIDEWALKS, WEST THIRD, GRIMES, AND LORING STREETS, WARD 6.

Coun. WENZLER offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to install cement sidewalks on the following-named streets in Ward 6, South Boston:

West Third street, between F and Dorchester streets; Grimes street; Loring street.

Pased under suspension of the rule.

CENSURE OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS ON PRECINCT BOOKS.

Coun. WENZLER offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to censure the Election Commissioners for their dilatory methods in the matter of the Precinct Books, which books were only ready for the different candidates for public office four weeks prior to election for the regular lists and only one week prior for the supplementary list.

On motion of Councilor Sullivan, the order was referred to the Executive Committee.

REPAVING BLUE HILL AVENUE AND OTHER STREETS.

Coun. ANSEL offered the following:

Ordered, That the Public Works Commissioner be directed, through his Honor the Mayor, to include Blue Hill avenue, from Seaver street to Wellington Hill street, for immediate repaving, and to immediately start work on other accepted streets for repaving.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

INCREASE OF PATROLMEN PERSONNEL, STATION 19.

Coun. ANSEL offered the following:

Ordered, That the Police Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to increase the patrolmen personnel in Station 19 so that schools and crossings might be properly patrolled.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

FINAL DAY FOR FILING TAX ABATEMENTS.

Coun. ANSEL offered the following:

Ordered, That the Board of Assessors be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to make the final day for filing applications for abatements 30 days after receipt of the tax bill.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Coun. McCORMACK, for the Executive Committee, submitted the following:

1. Report on order (referred today) for repaving of Blue Hill avenue—that same ought to pass.
Report accepted, and the order was passed.

2. Report on petition of Elinor McGrath (referred May 3, 1948) for annuity to be allowed because of death of husband, John J. McGrath, member of Police Department—recommending passage of the following order, viz.:
Ordered, That under the provisions of section 89 of chapter 32 of the General Laws an annuity of $1,520 be allowed and paid to Elinor McGrath, widow of John J. McGrath, a member of the Police Department who died on January 26, 1948, on account of injuries received in the performance of his duty; said annuity being made up of allowances as follows:
For the widow, Elinor McGrath, so long as she remains unmarried, $1,000 a year; for each of the following-named children during such time as he or she is under the age of eighteen or over said age and physically or mentally incapacitated from earning, $260 a year—Eleanor J. McGrath, born February 20, 1938, Robert E. McGrath, born November 29, 1942; provided, however, that if the widow remarries the annuity for each of said children shall be $520 during the remainder of the time aforesaid; the annuity to become effective upon the date of the approval of this order by the Mayor, and to be charged to the appropriation for Police Department, Pensions and Annuities.
The report was accepted and the order was passed.

3. Report on resolution (refered today) to waive demolition date on veterans' housing, Harvard University—that same be adopted.
The report was accepted, and the resolution was adopted.

4. Report on message of Mayor and orders (referred today) for transfers of appropriations between departments—that same ought to pass.
The report was accepted, and the orders were severally passed, Yeas 13, Nays 0:
Yeas—Councilors Ansel, Beades, Bryan, Chase, Hurley, Keenan, Kinsella, Lanigan, McCormack, Ramsey, Shanley, Sullivan, Wenzler—13.
Nays—0.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC LANDS.

Coun. RAMSEY, for the Committee on Public Lands, submitted the following:
Report on message of Mayor and order (referred August 30) for lease of land in Roslindale to F. P. Davis Monumental Works, Inc.—that same ought to pass.
The report was accepted, and the question came on giving the order its first reading. The order was rejected, (15 votes being required for passage), yeas 13, nays 0:
Yeas—Councilors Ansel, Beades, Bryan, Chase, Hurley, Keenan, Kinsella, Lanigan, McCormack, Ramsey, Shanley, Sullivan, Wenzler—13.
Nays—0.
On motion of Councilor Keenan, the foregoing vote was reconsidered.
On further motions of Councilor Keenan, the order was laid on the table.

REGISTRATION OF PERSONS AT OTHER PLACES THAN CITY HALL.

Coun. WENZLER offered the following:
Ordered, That the Board of Election Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to register all persons who are not police listed but who state under oath that they are qualified for voting at the evening registration in all of the wards, thereby eliminating the necessity of said persons to appear at City Hall, and be it further
Ordered, That adequate signs be posted at all registration places two days prior to registration dates.
On motion of Councilor Sullivan, the order was referred to the Executive Committee.

HEARING ON CHAPTER 622 OF THE ACTS OF 1948.

Coun. SULLIVAN moved that the Chairman of the Executive Committee appoint a special committee of seven to make a study of the $30,000,000 involved relative to the acceptance of chapter 622 of the Acts of 1948. Coun. Ramsey moved an amendment that the Executive Committee as a whole hold the hearing. The motion as amended was passed. Chairman McCORMACK of the Executive Committee announced that a meeting on this matter would be held Monday, September 27, 1948, at 11 a. m.

On motion of Councilor Keenan, the Council voted to adjourn at 5.35 p. m., to meet again on Monday, October 4, 1948, at 2 p. m.

Note: All debate of City Council eliminated from proceedings in accordance with Chapter 447, Acts of 1947.
(Stenographic copy of such debate on file in office of City Clerk.)

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of City Council.

SPECIAL MEETING.

Tuesday, September 28, 1948.

Special meeting of the City Council held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 1 p. m., President HANNON in the chair. Absent, Councilors Ansel, Chase, Coffey, Keenan, Lane, Sullivan, Tracy and Yerxa.

The meeting was opened with the salute to the Flag.

The meeting was held in pursuance to the following call:

City of Boston,
Office of the City Clerk, September 27, 1948.

A special meeting of the City Council will be held in its Chamber, City Hall, on Tuesday, September 28, 1948, at 1 o'clock p. m.

By order of the Court.

J. B. HYNES,
City Clerk.

Subject: To draw jurors.

Placed on file.

JURORS DRAWN.

Jurors were drawn, Councilor Wenzler presiding at the box in the absence of the Mayor, as follows:

Eighty-nine traverse jurors, Superior Criminal Court, to appear Monday, October 18, 1948:

Patrick Giovino, Ward 1; Rocco Parisi, Ward 1; John O. Seppa, Ward 1; William J. Monahan, Ward 2; Salvatore A. Barbera, Ward 3; Edward Perrone, Ward 3; Edmund A. Smith, Ward 3; John G. Brown, Ward 4; Frank Pendleton, Ward 4; Charles A. Baker, Ward 5; William A. Otis, Ward 5; Charles E. Prichard, Ward 5; Richard F. Galvin, Ward 6; Robert W. Mahoney, Ward 6; Thomas F. Merrick, Ward 6; Patrick J. Foley, Ward 7; Samuel L. Hodges, Ward 7; William B. Keefe, Ward 7; James R. King, Ward 7; William J. O'Malley, Ward 7; Francis X. O'Neill, Ward 7; Charles E. LaLande, Ward 8; Walter R. Tower, Ward 8; Wilbur C. Burrell, Ward 10; Edward P. Cotter, Ward 10; Hans W. Friberg, Ward 10; Lawrence H. Healy, Ward 10; Martin Joyce, Ward 10; Arthur T. Walsh, Ward 10; Michael Walsh, Ward 10; Charles A. Wells, Ward 10; John H. Glennon, Ward 11; Harry Fine, Ward 12; Samuel S. Nemser, Ward 12; Saul Wall, Ward 12; Paul Albertazzi, Ward 13; Joseph James Donegan, Ward 13; Ernest L. Felch, Ward 13; Edmund J. Jankowski, Ward 13; William King, Ward 13; Coleman McKeon, Ward 13; Frederick G. Moynihan, Ward 13; Thomas F. Murphy, Ward 13; John J. O'Brien, Ward 13; Frank W. Valzania, Ward 13; Harry Bellin, Ward 14; Leo F. Connors, Ward 14; Samuel L. Epstein, Ward 14; Milton Kaplan, Ward 14; Paul Shapiro, Ward 14; Byron Otis Bush, Ward 15; Cornelius J. Collins, Ward 15; William Chisholm, Ward 16; Frank Cornelissen, Ward 16; Charles R. Hoeft, Ward 16; James F. Norris, Ward 16; Malcolm J. Rogers, Ward 16; Michael Sullivan, Ward 16; Cyril Brignolo, Ward 17; Joseph A. Cussen, Ward 17; Robert W. MacDonald, Ward 17; John M. Morison, Ward 17; Edward F. Roach, Jr., Ward 17; E. Raymond Kearney, Ward 18; William F. Kelly, Ward 18; Herbert W. Kinsman, Ward 18; John Mammone, Ward 18; Michael A. Pagliuso, Ward 18; Aloysius A. Graham, Ward 19; Michael A. Moscaritolo, Ward 19; Henry J. Mulhern, Ward 19; John R. Anderson, Ward 20; Dimitry Bogach, Ward 20; Charles F. Cuneen, Ward 20; Robert G. Huelin, Ward 20; Chester C. McArthur, Ward 20; F. Stanley Reis, Ward 20; Robert M. Strain, Ward 20; William R. Weiss, Ward 20; George V. Whittaker, Ward 20; Erick J. Erickson, Ward 21; William N. Gladstone, Ward 21; William Harris, Ward 21; John A. Kahler, Ward 21; Arthur K. Richardson, Ward 21; William I. Carr, Ward 22; William Farrell, Ward 22; John N. Ruggero, Ward 22; John J. Swanson, Ward 22.

Adjourned at 1.15 p. m., to meet on Monday, October 4, 1948, at 2 p. m.

Note: All debate of City Council eliminated from proceedings in accordance with Chapter 447, Acts of 1947.

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CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of City Council.

Monday, October 4, 1948.

Regular meeting of the City Council held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 2 p. m., President HANNON in the chair. Also present, Councilor McCormack.

The Chair declared the meeting adjourned, to meet again at the special call of the President on Tuesday, October 5, 1948, at 2.45 o'clock p. m.

Note: All debate of City Council eliminated from proceedings in accordance with Chapter 447, Acts of 1947.

(Stenographic copy of such debate on file in office of City Clerk.)

CITY OF BOSTON PRINTING DEPARTMENT

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of City Council.

SPECIAL MEETING.

Tuesday, October 5, 1948.

Special meeting of tbe City Council held in tbe Council Chamber, City Hall, at 2.45 p. m., President HANNON in the chair. Absent, Councilors Carey, Cook, Yerxa.

The meeting was opened witb the salute to the Flag.

The meeting was held in pursuance to the following call:

To the Members of the City Council.

You are hereby requested to assemble in the City Council Chamber, City Hall, on Tuesday, October 5, 1948, at two forty-five, for tbe purpose of drawing jurors and for such other business as may come before the City Council.

Respectfully,
THOMAS J. HANNON, President.

Placed on file.

JURORS DRAWN.

Jurors were drawn, Councilor Bryan presiding at the box in the absence of the Mayor, as follows:

One hundred fifty-six traverse jurors, Superior Civil Court, to appear November 1, 1948, viz:

John J. Coleman, Ward 1; Henry A. Doucette, Ward 1; Thomas Joyce, Ward 1; Charles F. Keough, Ward 1; Joseph LoConte, Ward 1; Angelo Mongiello, Ward 1; William J. Peters, Ward 1; Thomas P. Cullity, Ward 2; Maurice A. Curran, Ward 2; John T. Donnelly, Ward 2; John Flynn, Ward 2; David E. Kelley, Ward 2; Francis A. Kelley, Ward 2; William J. McHugh, Ward 2; John J. McIntosh, Ward 2; Francis X. O'Brien, Ward 2; Joseph Sheridan, Ward 2; Nathaniel D. W. Allen, Ward 3; Joseph Bellofatto, Jr., Ward 3; Charles A. Brazer, Ward 3; Vincent Brogna, Ward 3; Joseph D'Amelio, Ward 3; William Deigh, Ward 3; Donato Iasconi, Ward 3; George Rahwan, Ward 3; Michael Romano, Ward 3; Eugene Vetrino, Ward 3; Edward A. Dawicki, Ward 4; Charles Dietz, Ward 4; Clarence Fuller, Ward 4; Julius W. Jackson, Ward 4; William A. James, Jr., Ward 4; Charles A. MacPhee, Ward 4; James McEwan, Ward 4; John P. O'Grady, Ward 4; George E. Simmons, Ward 4; Nicolas Slonimsky, Ward 4; Forrest F. Chauncey, Ward 5; Everard W. Loeb, Ward 5; Albert J. Michaud, Ward 5; Edwin W. Simonson, Ward 5; Cornelius Ford, Ward 6; John J. Grodis, Ward 6; Albert E. Lesslie, Ward 6; Norman Southworth, Ward 6; James Turpin, Ward 6; James B. Barry, Jr., Ward 7; George Conroy, Ward 7; Vance G. Elsmore, Ward 7; Albert J. Riley, Ward 7; Leo C. Ward, Ward 7; Philip E. Hanson, Ward 8; Theodore L. Myers, Jr., Ward 8; Robert M. Parker, Ward 8; Richard E. Williams, Ward 8; Marius A. Arildsen, Ward 9; Nathaniel Bennett, Ward 9; Earl Henry, Ward 9; Francis M. Dawson, Ward 10; John P. Feenan, Ward 10; David B. Hunt, Ward 10; Willard B. Summers, Ward 10; Antonio J. Cadarette, Ward 11; Thomas F. Curran, Ward 11; Robert H. Leet, Ward 11.

John D. Burns, Ward 12; William B. Doyle, Ward 12; Edward Edenberg, Ward 12; Charles Franklin, Ward 12; Ernest F. Henderson, Ward 12; Charles A. Watson, Ward 12; Willard J. Wylie, Ward 12; John M. Keenan, Ward 13; James A. Kell, Ward 13; Jeremiah Donoghue, Ward 14; Leon D. Glass, Ward 14; Jacob Gross, Ward 14; Nathan Krigman, Ward 14; Charles Slater, Ward 14; Morris Stone, Ward 14; Morris Welensky, Ward 14; John V. Dolan, Ward 15; Charles A. Gorman, Ward 15; Gerard J. Maber, Ward 15; Albert White, Ward 15; John W. Connolly, Ward 16; Bernard E. Donahue, Ward 16; Irving C. Gardner, Ward 16; John W. Gilbert, Ward 16; Clifford E. Hudson, Ward 16; Salvatore Maurici, Ward 16; John McNeely, Ward 16; Joseph G. Slattery, Ward 16; Paul J. Sweeney, Ward 16; Maurice S. Thomas, Ward 16; Robert T. Benson, Ward 17; Martin J. Conley, Ward 17; Abraham W. Katz, Ward 17; Walter P. Kenney, Ward 17; Israel W. Lanstein, Ward 17; Elmer F. McCauley, Ward 17; John A. Nordberg, Ward 17; Joseph Berube, Ward 18; John H. Fennessey, Ward 18; Ralph G. Ferris, Ward 18; Paul R. Moulton, Ward 18; William Steur, Ward 18; Rocco F. Basili, Ward 19; Herbert O. Boellhoff, Ward 19; Alexander Borrowman, Ward 19; Joseph A. Brady, Ward 19; Walter E. Carroll, Ward 19; James J. McGowan, Ward 19; Herbert L. Quinn, Ward 19; Philip W. Regan, Ward 19; Waldo F. Slattery, Ward 19; Raymond Thomas, Ward 19; Joseph J. Welsh, Ward 19; Edward P. Winchester, Ward 19.

Joseph Berlingbieri, Ward 20; Henry L. Bodio, Ward 20; George P. Forde, Ward 20; John M. Gibbons, Ward 20; John R. Holdsworth, Ward 20; Jeremiah J. Keefe, Ward 20; Harry A. A. Low, Ward 20; Frank J. McCarthy, Ward 20; Laurence J. McNamara, Ward 20; Arthur R. Morton, Ward 20; Gerald J. Murphy, Ward 20; Raymond F. O'Neil, Ward 20; Kenneth J. Parks, Ward 20; William A. Patterson, Ward 20; Walter J. Rehm, Ward 20; Herbert A. Stark, Ward 20; James Joseph Sullivan, Ward 20; William J. Walsh, Ward 20; William J. Cullen, Ward 21; William A. Diamond, Ward 21; Merton P. Hellstrom, Ward 21; Julius Kirsch, Ward 21; Sidney D. Hoffman, Ward 21; Artbur H. Kolsti, Ward 21; Louis Lipson, Ward 21; Martin J. McInerney, jr., Ward 21; Arthur E. Regan, Ward 21; Russell C. Riddle, Ward 21; Dexter Rosenblatt, Ward 21; Richard B. Shaner, Ward 21; Samuel K. Solomon, Ward 21; Mathew J. Whelan, Ward 21; Matthew Corbett, Ward 22; Edward L. Dwyer, Ward 22; Frederick Francis Hannon, Ward 22; Edwin J. Korhonen, Ward 22; Charles E. MacMaster, Ward 22.

Sixty-one traverse jurors, Superior Criminal Court, to appear November 1, 1948, viz.:

Joseph Allegro, Ward 1; Louis Arnesano, Ward 1; Simon M. Babin, Ward 1; John Leonard, Jr., Ward 1; James W. McEachern, Ward 1; Ralph Rapolla, Ward 1; John M. Holland, Ward 2; John J. Murphy, Ward 2; James O'Neil, Ward 2; Vincent Bravoco, Ward 3; Arthur J. Peirano, Ward 3; Joseph Perotti, Ward 3; Joseph C. Duke, Ward 4; Albert Faucon, Ward 4; George Jones, Jr., Ward 4; John Katibian, Ward 4; Francis J. Kenney, Ward 4; John E. Kennedy, Ward 5; Andrew D. Wright, Ward 5; William M. Johnson, Ward 6; Henry Lindi, Ward 6; John Barry, Ward 7; Edward F. Coughlin, Jr., Ward 7; James Albert Hirtle, Ward 7; John Joyce, Ward 7; Michael A. Sample, Ward 7; Allen F. Goodridge, Ward 9; Peter F. Day, Ward 10; Patrick Hart, Ward 10; George A. Emery, Ward 11; James Yahnis, Ward 11; Arnold P. Harris, Ward 12; Thomas L. Madden, Ward 12; Frederick Harrison, Ward 13; Dan McDonald, Ward 13; Sidney S. Cohen, Ward 14; Eli Starr, Ward 14; Henry E. Spinney, Ward 15; Angus Beverley Doucette, Ward 16; Mark J. Foley, Ward 16; Alvin C. Foster, Ward 16; Angus M. McPhee, Ward 16; James J. Manning, Ward 17; George J. Thurston, Ward 17; Joseph H. Hamilton, Ward 18; William P. McGowan, Ward 18; Norman W. Bean, Ward 19; Timothy W. Daley, Ward 19; Noobar Bashian, Ward 20; Francis J. Callahan, Ward 20; Allen J. Campbell, Ward 20; John Doherty, Ward 20; Edward T. Duffy, Ward 20; Rudolph F. Dunkel, Ward 20; John J. Haggerty, Ward 20; Morgan F. Hooley, Ward 20; Harold F. Jones, Ward 20; Edgar F. Brasseur, Ward 21; Albert Fine, Ward 21; Waldo S. Dennery, Ward 22; John H. Van Etten, Ward 22.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR.

Subject to confirmation by the Council, the Mayor submitted the following appointments, viz.:

Constable, authorized to serve civil process upon filing of bond, for term ending April 30, 1949: Ralph Ober, 48 Ballou avenue, Dorchester.

Constable, without power to serve civil process, to serve without bond, for term ending April 30, 1949: Francis A. Bonney, 513 East Third street, South Boston.

Weighers of Goods, for term ending April 30, 1949: Walter J. Chipman, 125 Corey street, West Roxbury; Frederick J. Chipman, 34 Bonair street, West Roxbury; Walter J. Edwards, 94

Topliff street, Dorchester; Robert J. Byrnes, 37 Hendry street, Dorchester.

Weigher of Coal, for term ending April 30, 1949: Paul V. Innis, 60 Brewster road, Medford.

Severally referred to the Committee on Confirmations.

INSTALLATION OF AUTOMATIC TRAFFIC SIGNALS, WARD 16.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, September 28, 1948.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Traffic Commissioner relative to your order dated August 30, 1948, concerning the installing of automatic traffic signals at Victory road and Neponset avenue, Ward 16.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Traffic Commission, September 24, 1948.

Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.
Dear Sir:

In reply to blue memo of September 2 signed by Lawrence P. Gilligan, Chief Clerk, relative to Council order of Councilor Beades, dated August 30, 1948, reading as follows:

"Ordered, That the Traffic Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to install automatic traffic signals at Victory road and Neponset avenue, Ward 16,"

please be advised that in company with P. T. Desmond, Traffic Engineer, I personally made a survey of this area and recommended that as a temporary expedient a center line be painted in Victory road, and crosswalks be painted at each of the crossings at the intersection of Victory road and Neponset avenue.

At the present time the money for traffic signals has been allocated, but I believe that when money is made available traffic signals should be erected at the intersection of Neponset avenue and Victory road.

Respectfully submitted,
LEO F. CURLEY, Commissioner.

Placed on file.

NAMING OF EDWARD J. McFADDEN SQUARE.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, September 29, 1948.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Board of Street Commissioners relative to your order of September 20, 1948, concerning the naming of the space at the junction of Elmdale and Adams streets, Ward 16, Edward J. McFadden square.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Street Laying-Out Department,
September 28, 1948.

Mr. Lawrence P. Gilligan,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Sir:

Replying to your communication of September 23 relative to Council order dated September 20, requesting that the space at the junction of Elmdale and Adams streets, Ward 16, be named Edward J. McFadden square, I beg to advise that a meeting of said committee is scheduled for November, at which time said order will be given consideration.

Very truly yours,
L. W. COSTELLO, Secretary.

Placed on file.

OIL DEPOSITS NEAR BATHING BEACHES.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, October 4, 1948.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Health Department relative to your order dated August 30, 1948, concerning the abatement of oil deposits in the waters adjoining the bathing beaches along the Strandway, South Boston.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Health Department, September 30, 1948.

Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.
Dear Sir:

Your memorandum enclosing City Council order of August 30, 1948, requesting an investigation of a health menace created by oil deposits in the waters adjoining the bathing beaches along the Strandway in South Boston, has been received.

The following is a report just received from the Division of Housing and Sanitation, who have been making daily surveys of the beaches in question:

"Daily surveys have been made of the South Boston beaches by Inspectors Dolan and Crosby of the Division of Housing and Sanitation. Oil was noted on the waters in the vicinity of Carson Beach, on August 26, but at no time since that date has there been any evidence of oil slick.

It has been impossible to locate the source because of lack of sufficient evidence. The condition complained of evidently existed for one day and then disappeared and up to the present time it has not reappeared.

Both the personnel at the Harbor Police and at the L Street baths were interviewed and stated that they have not noticed any oil slick during this summer."

Respectfully submitted,
JOHN H. CAULEY, M. D.,
Health Commissioner.

Placed on file.

USE OF FROTHINGHAM SCHOOL SITE, CHARLESTOWN, FOR HOUSING.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, October 4, 1948.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Boston Housing Authority relative to your order of August 30, 1948, concerning the possibility of the acquisition by the Boston Housing Authority of the abandoned Frothingham School on Prospect street, Charlestown, with a view to the erection of multiple housing under the low-income program.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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Boston Housing Authority.
September 29, 1948.

Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.
Subject: City Council Order of August 30, 1948, Proposed Site for Housing Development, Frothingham School, Charlestown.
Dear Mr. Mayor:

With reference to the City Council order referred to above please be advised that this Authority has viewed the land in question with reference to the contemplated development.

The school in question is presently used by the Board of Overseers of the Public Welfare and they are presently reluctant to relinquish this space until other space is made available.

This Authority is discussing earmarking of money on specific sites with the State Housing Board under the new State program. It will discuss the possibility of use of this site with the State Housing Board and will make a further report to you following that discussion.

Very truly yours,
CORNELIUS P. CRONIN, Chairman.

Placed on file.

LEVELING OF STREETCAR TRACKS, WARD 14.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, September 23, 1948.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the trustees of the Metropolitan Transit Authority relative to your order of August 30, 1948, concerning the leveling of the Elevated tracks from Franklin Park to Wellington Hill, and the placing of safety lanes along Blue Hill avenue, for the safety and protection of the citizens of Ward 14.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Metropolitan Transit Authority.
September 14, 1948.

Lawrence P. Gilligan,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Mr. Gilligan:

The Board of Trustees have directed me to reply to your communication requesting the leveling of the streetcar track between Franklin Park and Wellington Hill street and advise you as follows:

In the first place, the rails are in such condition as to have a life of at least ten years more. Secondly, to do this would cost $241,000. Third it would slow down the service of the passengers in the district who now have the benefit of free-running reservation because it would intermingle the automobile traffic with the streetcar traffic. Fourth, that it would be just as likely to increase the accident hazard as to decrease it because passengers would be standing in the highway to board cars at the stopping places instead of on reservation landings and the opportunity for collision between street cars and vehicles, which are now separated by the reservation, would be greater.

Under all the existing conditions, they cannot accede to this request.

Very truly yours,
EDWARD DANA,
General Manager.

Placed on file.

PLAN FOR HOUSING AUTHORITY PLAYGROUND, CHARLESTOWN.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, October 4, 1948.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Boston Housing Authority relative to your order dated August 30, 1948, concerning plan for the portion of the Housing Authority playfield at Chelsea and Bunker Hill streets, Charlestown, after the Mystic River Bridge Authority has taken a portion of the playfield for construction of the Mystic River Bridge.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Boston Housing Authority.
September 29, 1948.

Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.
Subject: City Council Order of August 30, 1948, Plans of the Authority for Use of Remaining Portion of Authority Playground at Bunker Hill Street, Charlestown—Development Mass. 2-1.
Dear Mr. Mayor:

With reference to the above City Council order you are advised that it is the present intention of the Authority to allow the remaining portion of this playground to still be used for recreational purposes

The Authority has given consideration to its availability for housing but has come to the conclusion that its proximity to the bridge approaches is such as to make it undesirable for this purpose.

In addition, since the city playground at Medford and Chelsea streets is likewise reduced by the bridge taking, the Authority believes that it is wise to retain whatever space is left to it for recreational purposes.

Very truly yours,
CORNELIUS P. CRONIN, Chairman.

Placed on file.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION, PUBLIC WELFARE DEPARTMENT.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, October 4, 1948.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I am in receipt of the attached request from the Chairman of the Board of Overseers of Public Welfare for an additional appropriation of $1,550,000 in order that there may be sufficient funds to meet relief expenditures for the balance of the year 1948. This additional appropriation is necessary because of an increase in the welfare case load and mandatory increases in allowances under legislative acts and regulations of the State Department of Public Welfare.

In compliance with this request there is forwarded, herewith, a loan order appropriating the sum of $1,350,000, and I recommend immediate consideration and action on this order by your Honorable Body.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Overseers of Public Welfare,
October 1, 1948.

Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.
Subject: Request for Additional Appropriation.
Dear Sir:

This department will need an additional appropriation of $1,350,000, which should be available by November 1, 1948, in order to care for payments from that date to December 31, 1948. The breakdown is as follows:

General Relief	$200,000
Aid to Dependent Children	50,000
Old Age Assistance	1,100,000
Total	$1,350,000

This is due to the following:

1. Mandatory increase in allowances under chapter 638 of the Acts of 1948 and regulations of the State Department of Public Welfare effective October 1, 1948, will cost approximately $400,000 for the balance of the year. The average increase in Old Age Assistance will be approximately $5 per month and in Aid to Dependent Children approximately $10.60 per month.

2. Increase in number of cases assisted during the year which could not be anticipated amounted to about 2,100.

Respectfully,
LOUIS P. LEONARD, Chairman.

Ordered, That in accordance with the provisions of chapter 611 of the Acts of 1947, a loan in the sum of $1,350,000 be, and hereby is, authorized, and that the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, upon request of the Mayor, bonds or certificates of indebtedness of the city therefor, and that the said sum of $1,350,000 be, and hereby is, appropriated to be expended in accordance with the provisions of chapter 611 of the Acts of 1947 for the following purposes:

PUBLIC WELFARE DEPARTMENT.

F. Special Items		$1,350,000
9. Dependent Aid	$200,000	
10. Aid to Dependent Children	50,000	
14. Old Age Assistance	1,100,000	

Referred to the Executive Committee.

APPROPRIATION FROM PARKMAN FUND INCOME.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, October 4, 1948.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I am in receipt of the attached communication from the Board of Park Commissioners requesting the appropriation of $20,000 from the income of the George F. Parkman Fund, to be expended under the direction of the Board of Park Commissioners, for the Maintenance and Improvement of the Common and Parks in Existence on January 12, 1887.

The 1948 budget estimates of the personal service requirements of the Park Department included an estimate of the total income of $170,000 from the Parkman Fund. The budget allowances made provision for the appropriation of this income as it accrued for the purpose of defraying the cost of work actually performed on the Common and Parks in Existence on January 12, 1887.

I submit herewith an order appropriating the sum of $20,000, the accrued income now available from the Parkman Fund, and respectfully recommend its immediate passage by your Honorable Body.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Park Department, September 24, 1948.

Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Sir:

By vote of the Board of Park Commissioners, you are respectfully asked to request the City Council to transfer from the income of the George F. Parkman Fund the sum of $20,000 which is now available, to be expended under the direction of the Board of Park Commissioners, as follows:

Common and Parks in Existence on January 12, 1887, Maintenance and Improvement of..... $20,000

When making up the budget estimates for the year 1948, a sum equal to the total yearly income of the George F. Parkman Fund was deducted from item A-1, Permanent Employees, with the understanding that this deduction was to be replaced by the total yearly income of said Parkman Fund for 1948, to be transferred as it accrued from time to time during the year to the regular maintenance appropriation of the Park Department.

Respectfully yours,
JOHN J. MURPHY, Chairman.

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Ordered, That the sum of $20,000 be, and hereby is, appropriated from the income of the George F. Parkman Fund, to be expended under the direction of the Park Commissioners, for the Maintenance and Improvement of the Common and Parks in Existence on January 12, 1887, as follows:

Common and Parks in Existence on January 12, 1887, Maintenance and Improvement of..... $20,000

Referred to Committee on Parkman Fund.

TRANSFERS OF APPROPRIATIONS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, October 4, 1948.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

The enclosed requests for transfer of appropriations, together with the accompanying orders, are forwarded for consideration and adoption by your Honorable Body.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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Ordered, That in accordance with the provisions of section 3B of chapter 486 of the Acts of 1909, as amended by chapter 604 of the Acts of 1941, the City Auditor be, and hereby is, authorized to transfer:

From Public Works Department, Sanitary Service, B-19, Removal of Waste, $17,000, to Public Works Department, Sewer Service, B-8, Light, Heat and Power, $10,000, D-3, Fuel, $7,000.

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Ordered, That in accordance with the provisions of section 3B of chapter 486 of the Acts of 1909, as amended by chapter 604 of the Acts of 1941, the City Auditor be, and hereby is, authorized to transfer:

From Suffolk County Court House, Custodian, A-1, Permanent Employees, $1,500; Supreme Judicial Court, A-1, Permanent Employees, $1,500, to Special Appropriations, Contingent Fund, $3,000.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received and referred to the committees named, viz.:

Claims.

Aetna Casualty and Surety Company, for compensation for damage to car caused by being sprayed with paint while driving through tunnel.

Helen A. Anderson, for compensation for loss of dog killed by fire apparatus.

Rose Baldasaro, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in Salem street.

Mary Bowers, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in Winter street.

John E. Connelly, for compensation for damage to car by city truck.

Lawrence H. Dean, for compensation for damage to truck by fire apparatus.

Peter M. Donnelly, to be reimbursed for execution issued against him.

H. A. Fischer, for compensation for damage to property by fire apparatus.

Charles W. Foley, for compensation for damage to car by city truck.

June M. Grogan, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at Howard and Hampden street.

Rev. Waldo C. Hasenfus, for compensation for damage to property at St. Matthew's Rectory, 33 Stanton street, caused by broken water drain.

Mary F. Kelly, for compensation for damage to car by city truck.

Patricia Kennedy, for compensation for injuries caused by city motor vehicle.

Herbert Kravitz, for compensation for damage to car by city truck.

W. W. Landry, for compensation for damage to car by city vehicle.

Celia Levine, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at 111 Causeway street.

Herbert E. Littlefield, for compensation for damage to car caused by an alleged defect at 31 Ellison avenue, Dorchester.

Edward B. Maloney, for reimbursement as result of accident which occurred while in performance of duty.

Estate of John A. Nelson, for compensation for collapse of boiler at 156 Sycamore street, caused by water being shut off.

Catherine L. Perry, for compensation for damage to property at 21 Sanford street, caused by leak in water pipe.

David Stein, for compensation for damage to car by city vehicle.

Technicraft Supply Company, for compensation for damage to property at 1156 Commonwealth avenue, caused by overflow of water mains.

Benjamin Tenovsky, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at 11½ Merchants Row.

Tirk Taxi, Inc., for compensation for damage to property by city car.

Executive.

Petition of Cecilia J. Kinsella, to be paid annuity on account of death of husband, Moses J. Kinsella, late member of Fire Department.

Petition of Marguerite E. Wonderly, to be paid annuity on account of death of husband, Charles P. Wonderly, late member of Police Department.

Committee on Licenses.

Petitions for licenses to operate bowling alleys on the Lord's Day, for 1949 term, viz.:

Blue Hill Bowlaway, Samuel Epstein, 6 Livingstone street, Dorchester.

Boston Daylight Alleys, Antonio Botta, 107 Cambridge street.

Boston Recreation Company, Inc., John W. Shanley, Jr., President, 615 Washington street.

Charlestown Daylight Alleys, Robert J. Panette, 575 Rutherford avenue, Charlestown.

Codman Square Bowlaway, Harry F. Hamparian, 649 Washington street, Dorchester.

Columbia Billiard Co. Alleys, Nicholas J. Poulakis, 558 Columbia road, Dorchester.

Columbia Recreation, Joseph Rubbicco, 707 Columbia road, Dorchester.

Commonwealth Recreation Bowling Alleys, Joseph Grant, 1105 Commonwealth avenue, Brighton.

The Congress Billiard and Bowling Supply Company, Clement J. Dore, Treasurer, 1505 Veterans Foreign Wars Parkway, West Roxbury.

Charles R. Conley, 184 Dudley street, Roxbury.

Crawford Bowling Alleys, Victor N. Mochi, 15 Hanover street.
Eagle Bowling Alleys, Joseph Grant, 2235 Washington street, Roxbury.
Egleston Bowlaway, Arthur Iorio, 3182-3188 Washington street, Jamaica Plain.
Fields Corner Daylight Alleys, Inc., Joseph Bonigli, 289 Adams street, Dorchester.
German Workingmen's Association, Ernst Seemuller, 22 Amory avenue, Roxbury.
Granville Club, Inc., E. P. Melillo, Treasurer, 15 Granville street, Roslindale.
Hub Bowling Alley, Marie Kittrell, 216 Hanover street.
Huntington Alleys of Boston, Edward H. Margolis, 253A Huntington avenue.
Hyde Square Bowlaway, Arthur Iorio, 403 Centre street, Jamaica Plain.
Jamaica Bowlaway, Arthur Iorio, 702A Centre street, Jamaica Plain.
Johns, Margaret M., 1453 Dorchester avenue, Dorchester.
Kenmore Recreation, Inc., Tobias Wolbarst, 82 Lansdowne street.
Lee S. King, 466 and 468C Blue Hill avenue, Dorchester.
King Pin Alleys, Amos E. Cowan, 200 Huntington avenue.
Mattapan Bowladrome, Samuel Orren, 1348 Blue Hill avenue, Mattapan.
Maverick Garden Bowladrome, Leonard DiPietro, 2 Maverick square, East Boston.
Metropolitan Bowling Alleys, Jacob Koss, 35 Dore street.
Mount Pleasant Bowling and Billiards, John F. McLaughlin, 590 Dudley street, Dorchester.
Orient Palace Bowlaway, Thomas A. Sweeney, 983 Bennington street, East Boston.
Park Square Bowladrome, Inc., Joseph Bonigli, 162 Columbus avenue.
Dominick Rubbicco, 4264 Washington street, Roslindale.
Pasquale Rubbicco, 448 West Broadway, South Boston.
South Station Bowling Alleys, Joseph Grant, 669 Atlantic avenue.
Strand Recreation Room, Amos E. Cowan, 716 East Broadway, South Boston.
20th Century Alleys, President, 1231 Hyde Park avenue, Hyde Park.
Webster Bowling Alleys, Joseph Grant, 26 Taber street, Roxbury.
West Roxbury Liederkranz, Lee M. Jekowski, 46 Rockland street, West Roxbury.

PERMITS FOR CHILDREN.

Petitions for children under fifteen years of age to appear at places of public amusement were received as follows:
Thomas Nazzaro, Boston Opera House, September 26.
Tributary Theatre of Boston, New England Mutual Hall, October 16 and 30.
Permits granted under usual conditions.

PETITION OF PARK SQUARE BOWLADROME, INC.

Petition of Park Square Bowladrome, Inc., Joseph Bonigli, 162 Columbus avenue, for license to operate bowling alleys on the Lord's Day for 1948 term.
License granted under usual conditions.

EXEMPTION OF PUBLIC SCHOOL CUSTODIANS FROM CERTAIN LAWS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
School Committee, October 4, 1948.

To the Honorable the City Council.

The School Committee respectfully requests that your Honorable Body adopt an order exempting the public school custodians from the operation of General Laws, chapter 149, section 33 (a), as amended by Statute 1948, chapter 657.

This request is prompted by the knowledge that the custodians in a meeting called for the purpose of discussing the law, agreed practically unanimously that they would petition the City Council that they be exempted from this act, and by the further knowledge that if the custodians are not exempted, there will be an additional cost to the city in the vicinity of half a million dollars.

Respectfully submitted,
AGNES E. REYNOLDS,
Assistant Secretary.

Ordered, That section 33A of chapter 149 of the General Laws, as inserted by chapter 649 of the Acts of 1947 and amended by chapter 657 of the Acts of 1948, shall not apply to those specifically exempted therefrom by said section or to those specified in the order passed by the City Council on December 22, 1947, and approved by the Mayor on December 24, 1947, or to any senior building custodian, any junior building custodian or any other person employed by the School Committee to care for any building in its custody or control.
Referred to the Executive Committee.

RESIGNATION OF PATRICK GILLEN AS CONSTABLE.

Notice was received from Patrick Gillen, 243 West Fifth street, South Boston, of resignation as constable.
Placed on file.

ABSENCE OF MAYOR FROM CITY.

Notice was received from the Mayor of his absence from the city from September 21 to October 2, 1948, inclusive.
Placed on file.

APPROVAL OF CONSTABLE'S BOND.

The constable's bond of David Weir, having been duly approved by the City Treasurer, was received and approved by the Council.

ELECTION OF MARGARET A. LEARSON TO RETIREMENT BOARD.

Notice was received from the Boston Retirement Board of election of Miss Margaret A. Learson as member of Board, for term from October 1, 1948, to September 30, 1951.
Placed on file.

APPROVAL OF STATE BOARD OF HOUSING.

Notices were received from the State Board of Housing of approval of various projects, viz.:
Expenditure by Boston Housing Authority for construction of surface drainage system in amount of $19,700 at temporary veterans' development, Columbia Village.
Expenditure by Boston Housing Authority in amount of $211.14 covering cost of furnishing and installing locks on basement doors on the type No. 203 houses at Hawthorne street development, Readville.
Severally placed on file.

HEARINGS BEFORE PUBLIC UTILITIES DEPARTMENT.

Notice was received from the Public Utilities Department of hearing to be held October 14, at 10 a. m., on petition of Metropolitan Transit Authority for pole location, near 14A Hancock street, Dorchester.
Notice was received from the Public Utilities Department of hearing to be held October 14, at 10 a. m., on petition of Boston & Maine Railroad to abandon railroad service, Boston to Lynn.
Notice was received from the Department of Public Utilities of consent given to Department of Public Works of Commonwealth of Massachusetts for construction and maintenance of private railroad across Prescott street, East Boston.
Severally placed on file.

TRANSIENT VENDOR'S BOND.

The bond of the Century Indemnity Company in favor of Florence McCollum of Hollywood, California, as transient vendor, was approved and placed on file.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON COUNTY ACCOUNTS.

Coun. SHANLEY, for the Committee on County Accounts, submitted the following:

Report on message of the Mayor and order (referred September 20) to amend Compensation and Classification Plans for Suffolk County as to salaries of clerks of court and assistant clerks in district courts of Suffolk County—that same ought to pass.

The report was accepted, and the order was passed.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONFIRMATIONS.

Coun. ANSEL, for the Committee on Confirmations, submitted the following:

Report on appointments by the Mayor (referred September 20) of Harold Eliot Levine, William F. Kane, Anna J. Jurek, Barbara Casey as Weighers of Coal for the term ending April 30, 1949—recommending confirmation of the appointments.

Report on appointments by the Mayor (referred September 20) of Thomas J. Griffin, Arthur E. Johnson, W. H. Muldoon, James V. Cox, Albert E. Hopgood, William F. Kane, Anna J. Jurek, Barbara Casey as Weighers of Goods for the term ending April 30, 1949—recommending confirmation of the appointments.

The reports were accepted, and the question came on confirmation. Committee, Councilors Lanigan and Beades. Whole number of ballots 13; yeas 13, and the appointments were confirmed.

USE OF FERRY HOUSE BY WILLIAM JOYCE POST.

Coun. COFFEY offered the following:

Ordered, It is hereby requested that his Honor the Mayor arrange to have the City of Boston turn over the abandoned ferry house at the foot of Lewis street to the William Joyce Post of the American Legion.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

RECREATIONAL FACILITIES FOR EAST BOSTON.

Coun. COFFEY offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to request His Excellency the Governor to start work on the recreational facilities that have been promised to the people of East Boston for over three years, to replace the taking of Wood Island Park and Amerina Playground for the extension of the airport.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

REMOVAL OF TREE, NEPONSET AVENUE, DORCHESTER.

Coun. BEADES offered the following:

Ordered, That the Board of Park Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to remove the tree in front of 138 Neponset avenue, Dorchester.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

TRAFFIC SIGNALS, ARBORWAY AND SOUTH STREET.

Coun. TRACY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Traffic Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to install automatic traffic signals at the junction of the Arborway and South street, in Ward 11.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

REPLACEMENT OF LOWRY HYDRANTS, JAMAICA STREET, WARD 11.

Coun. TRACY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to replace the Lowry hydrants on Jamaica street, in Ward 11, with post hydrants.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

RECESS.

On motion of Councilor Cantwell, the Council voted to take a recess at 3.27 p. m., subject to the call of the Chair. The members reassembled and were called to order by President HANNON at 4.12 p. m.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Coun. McCORMACK, for the Executive Committee, submitted the following:

1. Report on message of Mayor and orders (referred today) for transfers of appropriations—that same ought to pass.

The report was accepted, and the question came on the passage of the orders. The orders were severally passed, yeas 12, nays 0.

Yeas—Councilors Ansel, Beades, Cantwell, Chase, Hannon, Kinsella, Lane, Lanigan, Linehan, McCormack, Sullivan, Tracy—12.

Nays—0.

2. Report on message of Mayor and order (referred today) for loan of $1,350,000 for Public Welfare Department—that same ought to pass.

The report was accepted, and the question came on giving the order its first reading. The order was rejected (15 votes being required for passage), yeas 12, nays 0:

Yeas—Councilors Ansel, Beades, Cantwell, Chase, Hannon, Kinsella, Lane, Lanigan, Linehan, McCormack, Sullivan, Tracy—12.

Nays—0.

On motion of Councilor Kinsella the foregoing vote was reconsidered. The order was given its first reading and passage, yeas 16, nays 0:

Yeas—Councilors Ansel, Beades, Bryan, Cantwell, Chase, Hannon, Keenan, Kinsella, Lane, Lanigan, Linehan, McCormack, Ramsey, Sullivan, Tracy, Wenzler—16.

Nays—0.

Assigned to the next meeting for final action.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PARKMAN FUND.

Coun. LANE, for the Committee on Parkman Fund, submitted the following:

Report on message of the Mayor and order (referred today) for appropriation of $20,000 from income of Parkman Fund to be expended under direction of the Park Commissioners—that same ought to pass.

The report was accepted, and the order was passed, yeas 12, nays 0:

Yeas—Councilor Ansel, Beades, Cantwell, Chase, Hannon, Kinsella, Lane, Lanigan, Linehan, McCormack, Sullivan, Tracy—12.

Nays—0.

MEETING OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

In response to an inquiry from Councilor Kinsella, President HANNON announced a meeting of the Executive Committee at 10 a. m. on Wednesday, October 6, to consider action of demolition of Elevated structures and extension of Washington Street tunnel.

LEASE OF LAND TO F. P. DAVIS MONUMENTAL WORKS, INC.

On motion of Councilor McCormack, the Council voted to take from the table, No. 1 on the calendar, viz.:

1. Order for lease of land on Washington street, West Roxbury, to F. P. Davis Monumental Works, Inc.

The question came on giving the order its first reading. Councilor Sullivan moved reference to the Executive Committee. The motion was lost.

The question came on giving the order its first reading, and the order was rejected (votes being required for passage), yeas 13, nays 1:

Yeas—Councilor Ansel, Beades, Bryan, Cantwell, Chase, Coffey, Hannon, Keenan, Lane, Lanigan, Linehan, McCormack, Ramsey—13.

Nays—Councilor Wenzler—1.

Voting Present—Councilor Sullivan—1.

On motion of Councilor Keenan the foregoing vote was reconsidered.

On motion of Councilor Keenan the order was laid on the table.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CLAIMS.

Coun. LANIGAN, for the Committee on Claims, submitted the following:

Report on petition of Patrick J. McCauley (referred September 20) to be reimbursed for amount of execution issued against him on account of his acts as operator of motor vehicle belonging to Public Works Department, Sanitary Division —recommending passage of accompanying order, viz.:

Ordered, That the sum of forty-one dollars and fifty-five cents ($41.55) be allowed and paid to Patrick J. McCauley in reimbursement for amount of execution issued against him on account of his acts as operator of a motor vehicle belonging to the Sanitary Division, Public Works Department, said sum to be charged to the Contingent Fund.

The report was accepted, and the order was passed.

COMMENDATION OF SAMUEL S. DENNIS.

Coun. ANSEL offered the following:

Ordered, That the Boston City Council go on record as commending Samuel S. Dennis, Assistant Corporation Counsel, City of Boston, and head of the Tax Title Division, whose efficient efforts as head of the Tax Title Division of the Law Deparment have brought in thousands of dollars, in revenue, and who gave able, honorable, and efficient service to the citizens of Boston in his capacity; and who has been retired from the public service, and that the Boston City Council wishes him long life, health, and happiness, which he so richly deserves.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

ASSISTANCE TO LARGE FAMILIES WHO ARE NEEDY.

Coun. WENZLER offered the following:

Ordered, That the City of Boston, through his Honor Mayor James M. Curley, give assistance to families where there are more than five children where need exists and assistance is required.

Referred to Committee on Public Welfare.

INSTALLATION OF ELECTRIC STREET LIGHTS IN SOUTH BOSTON.

Coun. LINEHAN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Public Works Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to install an electric street light on the reservation side of the intersection of H street and Columbia road, South Boston, and also to make a survey and install new electric street lights along the intersections of the streets from H street up to P street, at the intersections of the Strandway.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

INFORMATION FROM HOUSING AUTHORITY.

Coun. KEENAN and BEADES offered the following:

Ordered, That the members of the Boston Housing Authority be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to submit to each member of the City Council a complete list of apartments that will be available for occupancy during the next six months; also a list of projects that are being anticipated and which are to be constructed by the Boston Housing Authority.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

INSTALLATION OF LIGHTS, WARD 19.

Coun. McCORMACK offered the following:

Ordered, That the Traffic Department be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to install lights at the junction of Lamartine street and Boylston street, in Ward 19.

Ordered, That the Public Works Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to install an additional light at the corner of Walk Hill street and Hyde Park avenue, in Ward 19.

Ordered, That the Public Works Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to install street light at the junction of Elven road and Washington street, Roslindale, in Ward 19.

Severally passed under suspension of the rule.

ACCEPTANCE OF LAMARTINE PLACE, WARD 19.

Coun. McCORMACK offered the following:

Ordered, That the Public Works Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out as a public highway Lamartine place, Jamaica Plain, in Ward 19.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

ACCEPTANCE OF CLAXTON STREET, WARD 19.

Coun. McCORMACK offered the following:

Ordered, That the Public Works Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out as a public highway Claxton street, Roslindale, in Ward 19.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

THE NEXT MEETING.

On motion of Councilor Ramsey it was voted that when the Council adjourn, it be to meet at 11 a. m. on Monday, October 11, 1948.

Adjourned, on motion of Councilor Ramsey, at 4.33 p. m., to meet on Monday, October 11, 1948, at 11 a. m.

Note: All debate of City Council eliminated from proceedings in accordance with Chapter 447, Acts of 1947.

(Stenographic copy of such debate on file in office of City Clerk.)

CITY OF BOSTON PRINTING DEPARTMENT

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of City Council.

Monday, October 11, 1948.

Regular meeting of the City Council held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 11 a. m., President HANNON in the chair. Absent, Councilors Carey, Chase, Coffey, Hurley, Keenan, Lane, Lanigan, Linehan.

The meeting was opened with the salute to the Flag.

SALE OF LAND ON DORCHESTER AVENUE.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, October 11, 1948.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

I submit herewith an order for the sale of approximately 373,189 square feet of land in the Dorchester section of the city, at public auction, at an upset price of $15,000.

This tract of land faces on Dorchester avenue, and is adjacent to Dorchester Park. It is the site where the old convalescent home was located. For many years this piece of land has been unused and vacant. The Hospital Department has no further use for it, and I can envisage no public purpose for which we should retain this land.

In view of the fact that this land is located in a desirable residential district, and in view of the fact that its sale would undoubtedly result in the building of fifty or more homes, with the consequent tax return to the city, and in view of the further fact that such building would help to ease the acute housing problem, I am much in favor of the sale of this land at this time. I therefore respectfully request speedy consideration and passage of the attached order.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Hospital Department, October 1, 1948.

Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Mr. Mayor:

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees held on August 13, it was voted that the Law Department be requested to draw up an order to the City Council for authorization to sell the land on the site of the old convalescent home in Dorchester, at public auction, at an upset price of $15,000.

An order has been prepared by the Law Department. This order was presented and approved by the trustees at their meeting held on September 24. I am enclosing herewith an original and four carbon copies of same signed by the President of the Board.

Sincerely yours,
JAMES W. MANARY, M. D.,
Superintendent.

Whereas, The City of Boston is the owner in fee of a certain parcel of land containing approximately 373,189 square feet situated on the easterly side of Dorchester avenue and adjacent to Dorchester Park in the Dorchester district. This parcel of land was acquired by purchase and the deed thereto is dated April 19, 1890, and is recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Book 1930, page 548; and

Whereas, This parcel of property was formerly used by the Hospital Department of the City of Boston as a Convalescent Home for Women; and

Whereas, The use of this parcel of property for hospital purposes has been abandoned and the Trustees of the City Hospital of the City of Boston have by a vote passed May 16, 1941, authorized the disposal of this parcel of property; and

Whereas, This parcel of property is no longer needed for public purposes; now, therefore, it is hereby

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor of the City of Boston be, and he hereby is, authorized in the name and behalf of the City of Boston to sell at public auction this parcel of land, hereinafter described, at an upset price of fifteen thousand dollars ($15,000), and subject to the exception and reservation hereinafter set forth; and it is hereby further

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor of the City of Boston he, and he hereby is, authorized in the name and behalf of the City of Boston to execute and deliver to a purchaser at said auction sale a written instrument satisfactory in form to the Law Department of the City of Boston, conveying this parcel of land, subject to the following exception and reservation:

> The parcel of land hereinbefore authorized to be sold and conveyed shall be subject to the express exception and reservation that the City of Boston, its successors, and assigns shall have the right and easement necessary for the maintenance, construction, and operation of sewerage works in the location designated therefor on the plan hereinafter referred to.

The parcel of land herein authorized to be sold and conveyed is bounded and described as follows:

Westerly by the easterly line of Dorchester avenue, seven hundred twenty-four and 80-100 (724.80) feet; northerly by lands now or formerly of John J. White, Mary C. Harrington, Patrick Barry, *et al.*, and Margaret W. Barry, one hundred eighty-nine and 70-100 (189.70) feet; easterly by lands now or formerly of Margaret W. Barry, Peter Kelley, *et al.*, Mary C. Murray, John F. Caskins, *et al.*, two hundred six and 60-100 (206.60) feet; easterly again, by land of the City of Boston (Dorchester Park), by two measurements, two hundred eight and 3-100 (208.03) feet, and six hundred twenty-six (626) feet; southerly by land of the City of Boston (Dorchester Park), seven hundred fifty-four and 30-100 (754.30) feet, containing 373,189 square feet of land, more or less. The said parcel of land, all the above measurements and the location of the right and easement of the City of Boston for sewerage works are shown on a plan marked "City of Boston, Dorchester Avenue, Dorchester, March 31, 1944, William J. Sullivan, Chief Engineer, Street Laying-Out Department," on file in the office of said department, City Hall, Boston, Mass.

MARTIN J. ENGLISH, M. D.,
President, Board of Trustees.

Referred to Committee on Public Lands.

PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received and referred to the committees named, viz.:

Claims.

Lillian Chisholm, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at entrance to Charles Street elevated station.

Marie J. Delaney, for compensation for damage to property at 51 Mattakeeset street, caused by backing up of sewage.

Fred J. Durfee, Jr., to be reimbursed as result of accident which occurred while in performance of duty.

Kenneth R. Gralton, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at 3 Tabor street.

Bernard Hughes, to be reimbursed as result of accident which occurred while in performance of duty.

Louis S. Isaacs, for compensation for damage to car by fire apparatus.

Joseph L. Madden, to be reimbursed for execution issued against him.

Manuel Rio, for compensation for injuries caused by cruising car.

Alvin J. Thibeault, to be reimbursed as result of accident which occurred while in performance of duty.

Annie Tochterman, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at 1468 Dorchester avenue.

William VanTassell, to be reimbursed as result of accident which occurred while in performance of duty.

Committee on Licenses.

Petition of Miah J. Murray, Inc., John F. Ievardi, 1156 Washington street, Ward 3, to operate bowling alleys on the Lord's Day.

Executive.

Petition of Helen M. Walsh, to be paid annuity on account of death of husband, Frederick J. Walsh, late member of Fire Department.

APPOINTMENT OF KEEPER OF LOCKUP.

Notice was received from Police Commissioner Sullivan of the appointment of Lieut. John F. Petitti as Keeper of the Lockup for a period of one year from October 4, 1948.

Placed on file.

ASSIGNMENT OF CHARLES I. PETTINGELL.

Notice was received from the Supreme Judicial Court of assignment of Charles I. Pettingell as Judge of the Appellate Division for the Northern District and his designation as Presiding Judge.

Placed on file.

President HANNON announced that as any pending matter before the Council required 15 votes, and 15 members not being present, the Chair awaited the pleasure of the Body.

On motion of Councilor Sullivan, the Council adjourned at 11.18 a. m., to meet on Monday, October 18, 1948, at 2 p. m.

Note: All debate of City Council eliminated from proceedings in accordance with Chapter 447, Acts of 1947.

(Stenographic copy of such debate on file in office of City Clerk.)

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of City Council.

SPECIAL MEETING.

Friday, October 15, 1948.

Special meeting of the City Council held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 1 p. m. Senior Member WENZLER in the chair. Absent, Councilors Ansel, Coffey, Cook, Hannon, Kinsella, Linehan, Ramsey, Tracy, and Yerxa.

The meeting was opened with the salute to the Flag.

The meeting was held in pursuance to the following call:

City of Boston,
Office of the City Clerk,
October 14, 1948.

A special meeting of the City Council will be held in its Chamber, City Hall, on Friday, October 15, 1948, at 1 o'clock p. m.

By order of the Court.

J. B. HYNES,
City Clerk.

Subject: To draw jurors.

Placed on file.

JURORS DRAWN.

Jurors were drawn, Councilor Sullivan presiding at the box in the absence of the Mayor, as follows:

Eighty-nine traverse jurors, Superior Criminal Court, to appear Wednesday, November 3, 1948:

John J. Barrett, Ward 1; Joseph H. Brooks, Ward 1; John H. Carroll, Ward 1; Dominic Christopher, Ward 1; Anthony C. Silva, Ward 1; Frank C. Tripoli, Ward 1; William J. Hingston, Ward 2; Patrick J. Whelan, Ward 2; Frank Cipriano, Ward 3; Ralph DelGaudio, Ward 3; William A. Rushton, Ward 3; George C. White, Ward 3; Ralph Johnson, Ward 4; Oswald Thomas, Ward 4; Melvin H. Turner, Ward 4; Walter A. McKinney, Ward 5; John Clifford Ross, Ward 5; Peter Colombo, Ward 6; Patrick J. Manning, Ward 6; James A. Mullen, Ward 6; Cornelius Wool, Ward 6; Chester H. Babcock, Ward 7; Charles Beldekas, Ward 7; Francis W. Fallon, Ward 7; Walter L. Greene, Ward 7; John P. Delorey, Ward 8; Theodore A. Thibeault, Ward 8; Walter L. Gumpright, Ward 9; Charles W. Jackson, Ward 9; John J. Bownes, Ward 10; E. Earl Norton, Ward 10; John I. Johnson, Ward 11; Herman P. Kasper, Ward 11; Walter H. McArthur, Ward 11; John E. Sutherland, Ward 11.

Ralph H. Frost, Ward 12; John V. Hobson, Ward 12; Frank R. Kirchthurn, Ward 12; Joseph D. Milligan, Ward 12; Daniel H. Pactovis, Ward 12; Paul G. Sherman, Ward 12; Samuel J. Comman, Ward 13; Morris Golder, Ward 13; Robert J. Moynihan, Ward 13; William J. Coulter, Ward 14; Leon Goldberg, Ward 14; Edward L. Leary, Ward 14; Leo Lebowitz, Ward 14; Nathan Shiffman, Ward 14; Harold O. Sivertsen, Ward 14; John E. Joseph, Ward 15; Joseph H. Geary, Ward 16; Albert L. Giggie, Ward 16; William J. Jordan, Ward 16; Mariner A. Newman, Ward 16; John F. O'Connell, Ward 16; Harold V. Riley, Ward 16; Alfred H. Wheeler, Ward 16; Thomas L. Dwyer, Ward 17; Joseph D. Griffin, Ward 17; John T. Joyce, Ward 17; Abraham Miller, Ward 17; James Needham, Ward 17; Frank J. Norton, Ward 17; Morris Stone, Ward 17; John J. Baxter, Ward 18; Frank Gemelli, Ward 18; Philip J. Jordan, Ward 18; Donald A. MacKinnon, Ward 18; George E. McIntosh, Ward 18; Peter J. Pellicani, Ward 18; Carl M. Ross, Ward 18; Martin E. Sidell, Ward 18; Alfred R. Webb, Ward 18; Anthony A. Barbera, Ward 19; Lewis W. Curll, Ward 19; William R. MacKay, Ward 19; George C. Marpaux, Ward 19; John J. Ryan, Ward 19; James A. Sinopoli, Ward 19; Edward F. Galvin, Ward 20; John J. Hart, Ward 20; Arthur Rose, Ward 20; James F. Dixon, Ward 21; Hartley J. Gregory, Ward 21; Nelson Kasdan, Ward 21; Frank A. McCauley, Ward 21; William P. Kelley, Ward 22; Alexander H. McCullough, Ward 22.

The purpose for which this meeting was called having been accomplished, the Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 1.35 p. m.

Note: All debate of City Council eliminated from proceedings in accordance with Chapter 447, Acts of 1947.

(Stenographic copy of such debate on file in office of City Clerk.)

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of City Council.

Monday, October 18, 1948.

Regular meeting of the City Council held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 2 p. m., President HANNON in the chair. Absent, Councilor Ansel.

The meeting was opened with the salute to the Flag.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR.

Subject to confirmation by the Council, the Mayor submitted the following appointments:

Weighers of Goods, for term ending April 30, 1949: Joseph MacEachern, 35 Baker street, Malden, Mass.; Coleman Costello, 161 H street, South Boston, Mass.; Dennis Crowe, 115 F street, South Boston, Mass.; Ermante Balboni, 377 Crescent street, Brockton, Mass.; Francis Viscione, 33 Sheafe street, Boston, Mass.

Referred to Committee on Confirmations.

REPLACING OF LOWRY HYDRANTS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, October 14, 1948.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Commissioner of Public Works relative to your order of October 5, 1948, concerning the replacing of Lowry hydrants on Jamaica street, Ward 11, with post hydrants.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Public Works Department,
October 11, 1948.

Lawrence P. Gilligan,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.

Dear Sir:

I return herewith communication from the City Council:

"Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to replace the Lowry hydrants on Jamaica street, in Ward 11, with post hydrants."

At the request of the Fire Department, a survey was made for the purpose of remedying the fire protection conditions in Jamaica street. As a result of this survey it was found that it would be inadvisable to replace the present Lowry hydrants with post hydrants. In addition, water works fixtures of all kinds are still in a critical stage, and even though it were advisable, materials would not be available.

The fire protection in this neighborhood can best be served from Lowry hydrants now existing, consequently, we feel that this request cannot be approved.

Very truly yours,
ROBERT P. CURLEY,
Commissioner of Public Works.

Placed on file.

APPROPRIATION FOR HOSPITAL DEPARTMENT.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, October 18, 1948.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

I am in receipt of the attached communication from the Superintendent of the Boston City Hospital in which an additional appropriation of six thousand dollars ($6,000) is requested in order to permit the completion of the addition to the Thorndike Memorial Building. Work on this addition was started early in 1947, but owing to the difficulty of securing the X-ray equipment to be placed in the building, it has not been possible to complete the construction contemplated. All the equipment has now been delivered, and the additional appropriation requested will permit an early completion of the entire structure. I submit herewith an order providing for the appropriation of the required amount from the special account, "Sales of City Property," and respectfully recommend its approval by your Honorable Body.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Hospital Department, October 14, 1948.

Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Mr. Mayor:

We are in need of money from available sources in order to complete the installation of equipment in the new addition to the X-Ray Department. This equipment was furnished under separate contract, and the cost of connecting was not included in the contract.

There is certain additional work which is imperative at this time, and in order that this work may be completed, it will be necessary that the sum of $6,000 be added to the appropriation "Construction of Buildings, Acquisition of Land, Etc."

Very truly yours,
JAMES W. MANARY, Superintendent.

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Ordered, That under the provisions of section 63 of chapter 44 of the General Laws, the sum of six thousand dollars be, and the same hereby is, appropriated from the special account, "Sales of City Property," to be expended by the Hospital Department, for construction of buildings, acquisition of land, etc.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

LEASE OF PORTION OF DORCHESTER FIRE STATION.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, October 15, 1948.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

I forward herewith communication from the Fire Commissioner an order authorizing the Fire Commissioner to lease unoccupied portions of the fire station at River and Temple streets, Dorchester, to the Lower Mills Memorial Post, No. 8699, V. F. W.

I am given to understand that such occupation of these premises will in no way interfere with the use of the building by the Fire Department, and I therefore respectfully recommend the passage of the order by your Honorable Body.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Fire Department, October 5, 1948.

Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Sir:

In an opinion dated September 28 from the Law Department, it will be necessary for your Honor to submit an order to the City Council giving authorization for the Fire Commissioner to execute a lease with the Lower Mills Memorial Post, No. 8699, Veterans of Foreign Wars, for use of part of the fire station at River and Temple streets, Dorchester.

An original and four copies of the order, as recommended by the Fire Department, are attached herewith.

Respectfully yours,
RUSSELL S. CODMAN, JR.,
Fire Commissioner.

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Ordered, That the Fire Commissioner is hereby authorized to lease to the Lower Mills Memorial Post No. 8699, Veterans of Foreign Wars, such unoccupied portions of the fire station situate at River and Temple streets, Dorchester, upon such terms and conditions as the Fire Commissioner with the approval of the Mayor may deem advisable.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

APPROPRIATION FOR PARK DEPARTMENT.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, October 18, 1948.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

The attached communication from the Chairman of the Park Department states that an investigation of the trees under the supervision of the Park Department shows that 68 elm trees located in various sections of the city are now infested with Dutch elm disease, and the final number may be in the vicinity of 80 trees. It is absolutely imperative that immediate steps be taken to cut down, remove, and burn the afflicted trees. It is estimated by the Chairman of the Park Department that an appropriation of $7,500 will be necessary to perform this work.

Accordingly, there is forwarded herewith an order transferring the sum of $7,500 from the Reserve Fund to the budget of the Park Department, and consideration and adoption of this order by your Honorable Body is recommended.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Park Department, October 15, 1948.

Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.
Dear Sir:

An investigation of trees under supervision of this department shows that 68 elm trees located in various sections of the city have been found to be infested with Dutch elm disease, and the final number may be in the vicinity of eighty. Last year was the first year that the Dutch elm disease hit Boston, when 17 elm trees were found to be affected. They were immediately cut down and removed.

It is now imperative that we take immediate steps to remove and burn the trees found to be afflicted. Most of these trees are large, old elms located in the southern part of Boston, in Dorchester, Mattapan, and Hyde Park. Many of the trees are of such a size that it will take a recognized tree company experienced in this type of work to remove them. The total cost of the work is estimated at $7,500.

Accordingly, I respectfully request that you arrange for an appropriation of $7,500 to be placed in the B-42 item of the Park Department budget and, if possible, that the money be provided at once so that we may take down the present infested trees and possibly prevent the spread of the disease to other trees throughout the city.

Respectfully yours,
JOHN J. MURPHY, Chairman.

Ordered, That in accordance with the provisions of section 3B of chapter 486 of the Acts of 1909, as amended by chapter 604 of the Acts of 1941, the City Auditor be, and hereby is, authorized to transfer:

From the appropriation for Special Appropriation, Reserve Fund, $7,500, to the appropriation for Park Department, B-42, Miscellaneous Services, $7,500.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

TRANSFER AND LEASE OF OLD FIRE STATION, SALEM STREET.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, October 15, 1948.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I submit herewith two orders concerning the old fire station located at 133 Salem street.

The first order transfers the land and building from the control of the Fire Department to the control of the Public Buildings Department.

The second order, which is contingent upon the passage of the first, authorizes the Superintendent of Public Buildings to lease the land and building to the North Bennet Street Industrial School.

In view of the fact that this building is no longer needed for fire purposes, or for any immediate public purpose, I respectfully recommend the passage of both orders.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Whereas, In the opinion of the Fire Commissioner of the City of Boston, the land and buildings known as Engine 8 and situate at 133 Salem street, Boston Proper, are no longer required for Fire Department purposes; now, therefore, it is hereby

Ordered, That the parcel of land containing approximately two thousand five hundred sixty-eight (2,568) square feet together with the buildings thereon, known as Engine 8, and situate at 133 Salem street, Boston Proper, is hereby transferred from the care, custody, control, and management of the Fire Department, to the care, custody, control, and management of the Public Buildings Department.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings is hereby authorized to lease to the North Bennet Street Industrial School a parcel of land containing approximately two thousand five hundred sixty-eight (2,568) square feet, together with the buildings thereon, formerly known as Engine 8, and situate at 133 Salem street, Boston Proper, upon such terms and conditions as the Superintendent of Public Buildings with the approval of the Mayor may deem advisable.

Severally referred to the Executive Committee.

GRANT FOR SOUTH BOSTON HOUSING PROJECT.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, October 18, 1948.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

For many weeks now the Boston Housing Authority has been endeavoring to have the undeveloped 972-unit Federal housing project on Broadway, South Boston, constructed as a state-aided housing project under St. 1948, c. 200. Several weeks ago the Boston Housing Authority, after receiving preliminary approval from the State Housing Board, publicly advertised for bids for the construction of this project. The lowest bid submitted by any general contractor was submitted by the John Bowen Company in the amount of $11,989,620. This bid was based in part on two subbids which, in their respective fields, exceeded by $96,132 the lowest subbids which the general contractor is unwilling to substitute and which he cannot be compelled to accept by law. The Boston Housing Authority has today received a communication from the Chairman of the State Housing Board refusing to approve the project because of the inclusion of this sum of $96,132. For some time it has also been recognized that complete exemption from local taxation must be granted.

There are over 15,000 applications from veterans on file with the Boston Housing Authority for housing accommodations. In order that immediate construction may be commenced on these 972 units, I recommend that your Honorable Body adopt forthwith the two accompanying orders.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Ordered, That out of the sum heretofore appropriated in the current year as a Reserve Fund, the sum of ninety-six thousand one hundred thirty-two dollars ($96,132) be, and hereby is, transferred and appropriated under General Laws (Ter. Ed.), c. 121, s. 26CC (as amended), by virtue of General Laws (Ter. Ed.), c. 121, s. 26NN (as inserted by St. 1948, c. 200, s. 3), but subject to the three hereinafter-contained provisos, as a grant in aid of the Boston Housing Authority in connection with the proposed state-aided housing project upon the site of the undeveloped federal housing project in South Boston commonly known as Mass. No. 2-10; provided, however, that said grant shall be used by the Boston Housing Authority only for the purpose of defraying such part of the development cost of said proposed state-aided project as will not be met by loans, contributions or grants from the commonwealth or otherwise; and provided, second, that said grant shall be paid over to the Boston Housing Authority by the Treasurer of the City of Boston upon, but only upon, the approval by the State Housing Board of the award of the contract for the construction of said proposed state-aided project; and provided, third, that said grant shall be paid over to the Boston Housing

Authority only to the extent or amount necessary to defray the aforesaid part of the development cost of said proposed state-aided project and that upon the payment of such amount this order shall become void as to any unexpended balance of the sum hereby transferred and appropriated.

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Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor of the City of Boston, be, and hereby is, authorized to execute and deliver in the name and on behalf of the City of Boston an instrument sealed with the seal of the City of Boston whereby the City of Boston waives, for so long as the hereinafter-mentioned housing project remains a state-aided housing project, all of the City of Boston's rights under General Laws (Ter. Ed.), c. 121, s. 26R (as amended), by virtue of General Laws (Ter. Ed.), c. 121, s. 26NN (as inserted by St. 1948, c. 200, s. 3), to all payments in lieu of taxes, betterments and special assessments in connection with the proposed state-aided veterans' housing project upon the site of the undeveloped Federal housing project in South Boston commonly known as Mass. No. 2–10.

On motion of Councilor Linehan the rule was suspended. The question then came on the passage of both orders. The orders were severally passed, yeas 20, nays 0:

Yeas—Councilors Beades, Bryan, Cantwell, Carey, Coffey, Cook, Hannon, Hurley, Keenan, Kinsella, Lane, Lanigan, Linehan, McCormack, Ramsey, Shanley, Sullivan, Tracy, Wenzler, Yerxa—20.

Nays—0.

A motion by Councilor Chase to reconsider the foregoing vote was lost.

TRANSFER OF PROPERTY FROM HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO TRAFFIC COMMISSION.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, October 11, 1948.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I am submitting herewith a proposed order transferring the land and buildings located at the corner of Southampton and Atkinson streets, Roxbury, from the care and custody of the Health Department to the care and custody of the Traffic Commission. This property was formerly used as a Detention Hospital for the care of diseases dangerous to the public health. About two years ago it was found inadequate for such purposes by the State Department of Health.

The Health Commissioner in his enclosed letter indicates that his department has no further use for this land and buildings. A transfer of this property to the Traffic Commission will enable it to set up a much-needed headquarters.

I am in favor of this transfer and respectfully recommend the adoption of the accompanying order by your Honorable Body.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Health Department, October 11, 1948.

Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.
Dear Sir:

Approximately two years ago, after the State Department of Health made an inspection of the building on Southampton street, at the corner of Atkinson street, formerly used as a Detention Hospital, they advised the Boston Health Department that without extensive renovations, the buildings could not be licensed as a hospital. It is evident that these old wooden buildings, which presently are out of repair, cannot be adapted as a Detention Hospital for the care of diseases dangerous to the public health.

It is advised that the foregoing site is bounded and described as follows:

Southwesterly by Southampton street two hundred ten and 65–100 feet; northwesterly by land of Downes Realty Corporation, by two measurements, two hundred seventy-one and 17–100 feet and eight and 31–100 feet; northeasterly by land of the City of Boston, two hundred thirty-one and 78–100 feet; southeasterly by Atkinson street, two hundred twenty-seven and 90–100 feet, containing 55,850 square feet, more or less, and is shown on a plan made by Philip T. Desmond, Chief Engineer, Boston Traffic Commission, dated October 11, 1948, and on file in the offices of the Traffic Commission.

Accordingly, I am advising you that the above-described land and buildings are not adaptable for Health Department purposes, and might be transferred to another department of the city for other useful purposes.

Respectfully yours,
JOHN H. CAULEY, M. D., M. P. H.,
Health Commissioner.

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Whereas, By deed dated October 22, 1872, recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Book 1131, page 260, a certain parcel of land containing about 111,090 square feet situated on the northeasterly side of Southampton street, formerly Swett street, in that part of Boston called Roxbury, and shown on a plan recorded with said deed was conveyed to the City of Boston; and

Whereas, By deed dated May 19, 1875, recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Book 1291, page 20, a certain parcel of land containing about 1,410 square feet and another certain parcel of land containing about 190 square feet situated adjacent to the northwesterly boundary of the above-mentioned parcel and shown as Lots A and C on a plan recorded with said deed was conveyed to the City of Boston; and

Whereas, A part of the above-described premises, together with buildings thereon, and bounded and described as follows:

Southwesterly by Southampton street, two hundred ten and 65-100 feet; northwesterly by land of Downes Realty Corporation, by two measurements, two hundred seventy-one and 17-100 feet and eight and 31-100 feet; northeasterly by land of the City of Boston, two hundred thirty-one and 78-100 feet; southeasterly by Atkinson street, two hundred twenty-seven and 90-100 feet, containing 55,850 square feet, more or less, and shown on a plan made by Philip T. Desmond, Chief Engineer, Boston Traffic Commission, dated October 11, 1948, and on file in the offices of the Boston Traffic Commission is no longer needed for Health Department purposes.

Ordered, That the above-described land with buildings thereon be, and the same hereby is, transferred from the care, custody, control and management of the Health Department to the care, custody, control and management of the Traffic Commission for Traffic Commission purposes.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received and referred to the committees named, viz.:

Claims.

John A. Bosworth, for compensation for damage to car by fire engine.

Mary Callanan, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in L street, South Boston.

Arthur J. Cullinane, to be reimbursed as result of accident which occurred while in performance of duty.

John J. Curtin, to be reimbursed as result of accident which occurred while in performance of duty.

Francis P. Dowling, to be reimbursed as result of accident which occurred while in performance of duty.

Arnold S. Gale, for compensation for damage to property by truck of Park Department.

General Exchange Insurance Corporation, for compensation for damage to property of Carl R. Avery, caused by vehicle of Sanatorium Division.

George I. Goldberg, for compensation for damage to car by police car.

Carol Anne Moleo, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at 28 Lexington street.

Edward F. O'Brien, for refund on used car dealer's license.

Paul N. Oliver, for compensation for damage to car by fire engine.

Jane Starck, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at 9 Haviland street.

Young & Co., for compensation for damage to property at 4 and 5 Faneuil Hall Market, caused by bursting of sprinkler system.

Executive.

Petition of Mary E. Gregorio, to be paid annuity on account of death of husband, Anthony D. Gregorio, late member of Fire Department.

TRANSIENT VENDORS' LICENSES.

Notice was received from the City Clerk of the issuance of a transient vendor's license to Jack E. Rishty for sale of linens, hosiery, etc., at 55 Summer street, Boston. A bond in the sum of $500 was received and approved by the Council.

Notice was received from the City Clerk of the issuance of a transient vendor's license to Lelord Kordel for sale of health goods, etc., at New England Mutual Hall, Boston. A bond in the sum of $500 was received and approved by the Council.

Severally placed on file.

LOAN FOR PUBLIC WELFARE DEPARTMENT.

President HANNON called up, under unfinished business, No. 1 on the calendar, viz.:

1. Order for loan of $1,350,000 for Public Welfare Department.

On October 5, 1948, the said order was read once and passed, yeas 16, nays 0.

The order was given its second reading and passage, yeas 20, nays 0:

Yeas—Councilors Beades, Bryan, Cantwell, Carey, Coffey, Cook, Hannon, Hurley, Keenan, Kinsella, Lane, Lanigan, Linehan, McCormack, Ramsey, Shanley, Sullivan, Tracy, Wenzler, Yerxa—20.

Nays—0.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LICENSES.

Coun. COFFEY, for the Committee on Licenses, submitted the following:

Report on petitions (referred October 5) to operate bowling alleys on the Lord's Day: The Congress Billiard and Bowling Supply Company, Clement J. Dore, Treasurer, 1505 Veterans of Foreign Wars Parkway, West Roxbury: Dominick Rubbicco, 4264 Washington street, Roslindale, Ward 18; Granville Club, Inc., E. P. Melillo, Treasurer, 15 Granville street, Roslindale, Ward 18; 20th Century Alleys, Louis Amusement Company, Inc., Louis L. Richmond, President, 1231 Hyde Park avenue, Hyde Park, Ward 18; West Roxbury Liederkranz, Lee M. Jakowski, 46 Rockland street, West Roxbury, Ward 20 — recommending that licenses be granted.

Report accepted; licenses granted under usual conditions.

CALL FOR STATE ELECTION, NOVEMBER 2.

President HANNON offered the following:

Ordered, That meetings of the citizens of the City of Boston, qualified to vote for state officers, be held at the several polling places designated for the purpose by the Board of Election Commissioners on Tuesday, the second day of November, 1948, for the election of Presidential Electors; Governor; Lieutenant Governor; Secretary; Treasurer; Auditor; Attorney General; Senator in Congress; Representative in Congress; Councilor; Senator; Representative in General Court (1, 2, or 3); Register of Probate and Insolvency; also to give in their votes "Yes" or "No" on the following questions:

QUESTION NO. 1.

Do you approve of the adoption of an amendment to the Constitution summarized below which was approved by the General Court in a joint session of the two branches held June 28, 1945, received 227 votes in the affirmative and 0 in the negative, and in a joint session of the two branches held June 9, 1947, received 232 votes in the affirmative and 8 in the negative?

YES	
NO	

SUMMARY.

This proposed amendment to the Constitution adds to the declaration of the rights of the inhabitants, as now set forth in the Constitution, the following: "The right of free speech shall not be abridged."

QUESTION NO. 2.

Do you approve of the adoption of an amendment to the Constitution summarized below which was approved by the General Court in a joint session of the two branches held June 6, 1946, received 220 votes in the affirmative and 28 in the negative, and in a joint session of the two branches held June 9, 1947, received 228 votes in the affirmative and 5 in the negative?

YES	
NO	

SUMMARY.

This proposed amendment to the Constitution provides that the use of revenue from fees, duties, excises or license taxes relating to the registration, operation or use of vehicles on public highways or to fuels used for propelling such vehicles, except revenue from any excise tax imposed for the privilege of registering such vehicles in lieu of local property taxes, shall be for highway purposes only.

QUESTION NO. 3.

Do you approve of the adoption of an amendment to the Constitution summarized below which was approved by the General Court in a joint session of the two branches held June 6, 1946, received 243 votes in the affirmative and 0 in the negative, and in a joint session of the two branches held June 3, 1948, received 231 votes in the affirmative and 9 in the negative?

YES	
NO	

SUMMARY.

This is an amendment of Article XVII of the Amendments to the Constitution. It provides that in case of a failure to elect the secretary, treasurer and receiver general, auditor, or attorney general of the Commonwealth, or in case of the death of a person elected to any of such offices between the day of election and the third Wednesday of the following January, such an officer shall be chosen by a joint ballot of the senators and representatives from the people at large, instead of from the two persons who had the highest number of votes at the election as is now required. It also provides that if there is a vacancy in any of such offices during a session of the Legislature the vacancy shall be filled in like manner by choice from the people at large, but if the vacancy occurs at any other time it shall be filled by appointment by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Council.

QUESTION NO. 4.

Do you approve of a law summarized below which was disapproved in the House of Representatives by a vote of 84 in the affirmative and 130 in the negative and in the Senate by a vote of 15 in the affirmative and 22 in the negative?

YES	
NO	

SUMMARY.

This measure by amending General Laws (Ter. Ed.), Chapter 272, Section 21, provides that the provisions of Sections 20 and 21 of said Chapter 272 which make it an offense to advertise or give information as to the procurement of means for the prevention of pregnancy or conception shall not apply to treatment or prescription given to married women by registered physicians for protection of life or health.

QUESTION NO. 5.

Do you approve of a law summarized below which was disapproved in the House of Representatives by a vote of 5 in the affirmative and 203 in the negative and in the Senate by a vote of 0 in the affirmative and 36 in the negative?

YES	
NO	

SUMMARY.

This measure prohibits the denial of the opportunity to obtain or retain employment because of membership or non-membership in a labor organization and prohibits agreements which exclude any person from employment because of membership or non-membership in a labor organization. Violation of the provisions of the measure is made an offense punishable by fine or imprisonment or both.

QUESTION NO. 6.

Do you approve of a law summarized below which was disapproved in the House of Representatives by a vote of 82 in the affirmative and 126 in the negative and in the Senate by a vote of 13 in the affirmative and 20 in the negative?

YES	
NO	

SUMMARY.

This measure requires that elections of officers of labor organizations shall be held at least annually. Sixty days' notice of a regular election and twenty days' notice of an election to fill one or more vacancies are required to be given by public announcement at a regular meeting, by notice in writing to each member, or in any other adequate manner. Candidates to be voted for must be nominated by a paper signed by ten members filed at least thirty days before a regular election and at least ten days before an election to fill a vacancy.

The voting at such an election must be by secret written or printed ballot. Watchers appointed by nominating members and by union officers may be present during the voting and counting of ballots.

Coercion and intimidation of members in connection with an election is prohibited, and violations of the provisions of the measure are made punishable by fine of not less than twenty-five dollars nor more than two hundred dollars or by imprisonment for not more than thirty days or both.

QUESTION NO. 7.

Do you approve of a law summarized below which was disapproved in the House of Representatives by a vote of 95 in the affirmative and 110 in the negative and in the Senate by a vote of 14 in the affirmative and 18 in the negative?

YES	
NO	

SUMMARY.

This measure prohibits the calling of a strike by a labor organization in any business or plant or unit thereof, except when authorized by the vote of the majority of all the members of the organization employed in the business, plant or unit thereof. Such authorization is to be expressed by a secret written or printed ballot at a meeting called for that purpose.

The Labor Relations Commission is authorized to make rules for the conduct of the voting. Within twenty-four hours after the voting the labor organization conducting it shall make a written report of the result to the commission, which shall be a permanent public record. If no report is filed the vote taken shall be void and a person making a false report shall be guilty of perjury.

Coercion and intimidation of members of a labor organization in connection with such voting is made a penal offense.

QUESTION NO. 8.

Is it desirable that the proposed amendment to the Constitution of the United States,—

"ARTICLE—

"SECTION 1. No person shall be elected to the office of the President more than twice, and no person who has held the office of President, or acted as President, for more than two years of a term to which some other person was elected President shall be elected to the office of the President more than once. But this Article shall not apply to any person holding the office of President when this Article was proposed by the Congress, and shall not prevent any person who may be holding the office of President, or acting as President, during the term within which this Article becomes operative from holding the office of President or acting as President during the remainder of such term.

"SECTION 2. This article shall be inoperative unless it shall have been ratified as an amendment to the Constitution by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several States within seven years from the date of its submission to the States by the Congress,"—be ratified by the general court?

YES	
NO	

QUESTION NO. 9.

A. Shall licenses be granted in this city (or town) for the sale therein of all alcoholic beverages (whisky, rum, gin, malt beverages, wines and all other alcoholic beverages)?

YES	
NO	

B. Shall licenses be granted in this city (or town) for the sale therein of wines and malt beverages (wines and beer, ale and all other malt beverages)?

YES	
NO	

C. Shall licenses be granted in this city (or town) for the sale therein of all alcoholic beverages in packages, so called, not to be drunk on the premises?

YES	
NO	

The polls at said meetings shall be opened at eight o'clock a. m. and closed at eight o'clock p. m.

Ordered, That the City Clerk be hereby directed to give notice of said meetings according to law.

Severally passed under suspension of the rule.

SUSPENSION OF CERTAIN SECTIONS OF CHAPTER 54 AT STATE ELECTION.

President HANNON offered the following:

Ordered, That the provisions of sections 55, 56 and 57 of chapter 54 of the General Laws be, and hereby are, suspended and made inapplicable as to each of the several questions to be voted upon at the State Election to be held on November 2, 1948.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

TRANSPORT OF BALLOTS BY POLICE ON ELECTION DAY.

President HANNON offered the following:

Ordered, That the Board of Election Commissioners make arrangements with the Police Commissioner that means of transportation be provided for police officers working on the polls on election day to transport the ballots to City Hall after the close of the polls.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

BUS LINE OVER ORIENT AVENUE.

Coun. COFFEY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Metropolitan Transit Authority be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to make a survey of the Orient Avenue section of East Boston with a view to installing a bus route to run from the Gladstone Street Station over Orient avenue and back, to take care of the great number of persons who live on the side streets off Orient avenue.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

TRAFFIC SIGNS, TOPLIFF STREET, WARD 15.

Coun. RAMSEY offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to instruct the Traffic Commissioner to

either install traffic lights or signs on Topliff street, Ward 15, or to make it one way from Geneva avenue to Bowdoin street.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

PAINTING LOWRY HYDRANT COVERS.

Coun. RAMSEY offered the following:
Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to paint Lowry hydrant covers red and white so that they may be easily located in the event of an emergency.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

SIDEWALK REPAIR, WASHINGTON STREET, WARD 11.

Coun. TRACY offered the following:
Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to immediately repair the sidewalks on both sides of Washington street, Ward 11, between Montebello road and Forest Hills.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

MEETING OF RULES COMMITTEE.

Coun. BRYAN offered the following:
Ordered, That the President be requested to instruct the Chairman of the Rules Committee to call a meeting of said committee this week, notifying all councilors and attachés to be present.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

ACTION IN MAKING CERTAIN UNACCEPTED STREETS SAFE FOR TRAVEL.

Coun. BRYAN offered the following:
Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor, Board of Street Commissioners, and Commissioner of Public Works be requested to meet with the Committee on Public Works of the City Council as soon as possible with reference to taking some action in making the unaccepted streets in Wards 18, 19, and 20 safe for travel.
Referred to the Committee on Public Works.

USE OF SCHOOL YARDS AFTER SCHOOL HOURS.

Coun. KINSELLA offered the following:
Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to consult with the Boston School Committee for the purpose of making available to children for play purposes, after school hours, the yard of the Frothingham School in Charlestown, and any other yards of other schools in the district that may be deemed suitable or available.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

BUS STOP NEAR 488 NEPONSET AVENUE, DORCHESTER.

Coun. BEADES offered the following:
Ordered, That the Trustees of the Metropolitan Transit Authority be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to arrange for a bus stop at or near 488 Neponset avenue, Dorchester, for the convenience of persons residing in that area and to eliminate the danger which exists at the present time in crossing a very busy thoroughfare in order to board MTA buses.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

PEDESTRIAN LIGHTS NEAR 488 NEPONSET AVENUE.

Coun. BEADES offered the following:
Ordered, That the Traffic Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to make a survey of Neponset avenue, just before going over the bridge into Quincy, with a view to installing pedestrian lights at approximately 488 Neponset avenue for the protection of residents of this area who at present must cross this dangerous thoroughfare in order to board MTA buses.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

NAMING OF GIOVANNI B. CONTI SQUARE.

Coun. HURLEY offered the following:
Ordered, That the Committee to Memorialize Veterans be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to name the space at the junction of Dennis and Dudley streets, Ward 8, Giovanni B. Conti Square, in honor of this veteran who gave his life in the service of his country.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

NAMING OF GEORGE D. FOLEY SQUARE.

Coun. HURLEY offered the following:
Ordered, That the Committee to Memorialize Veterans be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to name the space at the junction of Woodward avenue and Dudley street, Ward 8, George D. Foley Square, in honor of this veteran who gave his life in the service of his country.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

NAMING OF HARRY ARONIAN SQUARE.

Coun. HURLEY offered the following:
Ordered, That the Committee to Memorialize Veterans be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to name the space at the junction of Huckins street and Blue Hill avenue, Ward 8, Harry Aronian Square, in honor of this veteran who gave his life in the service of his country.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

PAYMENT OF CUSTODIANS FOR OVERTIME WORK AT ELECTION.

Coun. SHANLEY offered the following:
Ordered, That the Board of Election Commissioners be directed, through his Honor the Mayor, to make provision out of their own funds for the payment for overtime work by custodians in whose buildings voting booths are installed.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

INSTALLATION OF TRAFFIC LIGHTS AT JUNCTION, WARDS 21 AND 22.

Coun. SHANLEY and LANE offered the following:
Ordered, That the Traffic Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to install traffic lights at the junction of Warren, Sparhawk and Cambridge streets, Wards 21 and 22.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

"SLOW" SIGN, NORTHBOURNE ROAD, WARD 19.

Coun. McCORMACK offered the following:
Ordered, That the Traffic Department be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to install a "Slow" sign on Northbourne road, Jamaica Plain, near the Seaver School, in Ward 19.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

THANKS TO JOSEPH P. SPANG, JR.

Coun. KEENAN offered the following:
Resolved, That the Boston City Council, in meeting assembled, hereby extends its sincere thanks and appreciation to Joseph P. Spang, Jr., President of the Gillette Safety Razor Company, for his kindness and thoughtfulness in installing 100 television sets on Boston Common, without

expense to the city, so that the people of Boston might see the recent World's Series baseball games.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

SALE OF PROPERTIES BY REAL ESTATE COMMISSION TO HIGHEST BIDDER.

Coun. WENZLER offered the following:

Ordered, That the Board of Real Estate Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, not to set an upset price on any property to be sold by their department, but to sell same to the highest bidder.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

ACCEPTANCE OF BATEMAN PLACE, WARD 7.

Coun. LINEHAN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out Bateman place, Ward 7, as a public highway.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

NAMING OF NEW BANDSTAND, MARINE PARK.

Coun. LINEHAN and WENZLER offered the following:

Ordered, That the Special Committee to Memorialize Veterans be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to name the new bandstand at Marine Park, South Boston, in honor of the late General John H. Dunn, a distinguished veteran of World War I and a public official of the City of Boston for many years.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

VETERANS' HOUSING AT CERTAIN SOUTH BOSTON LOCATIONS.

Coun. LINEHAN offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor request the Boston Housing Authority to consider the advisability of constructing veterans' housing developments under chapter 200 of the Acts of 1948, or chapter 372 of the Acts of 1946, at the following locations in Ward 7, South Boston:

1. Vacant land bordering Columbia road and East Eighth street, between Covington and G streets.
2. City yard located at H street and Columbia road, together with adjoining land.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

FLOOD LIGHTS IN SOUTH BOSTON AND OTHER STADIA.

Coun. LINEHAN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Park Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to include in its budget for the coming year a sum sufficient to provide for the installation of flood lights at the South Boston Stadium so that night football and baseball games and other recreational activities may be furnished the citizens of Boston; and be it further

Ordered, That the Park Commission study the advisability of installing flood lights in other stadia and parks throughout the city which have a fairly large seating capacity.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

MEETING OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY.

Coun. SHANLEY offered the following:

Ordered, That the City Council Committee on Public Safety call a meeting of the Public Utilities Public Safety, and MTA officials relative to the overcrowding of MTA buses and street cars.

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONFIRMATIONS.

Coun. BRYAN, for the Committee on Confirmations, submitted the following:

Report on appointment by the Mayor (referred October 5) of Francis A. Bonney to be Constable without power to serve civil process, and to serve without bond, for term ending April 30, 1949.

Report on appointment by the Mayor (referred October 5) of following as Weighers of Goods for term ending April 30, 1949: Walter J. Chipman, Frederick J. Chipman, Walter J. Edwards, Robert J. Byrnes.

Report on appointment by the Mayor (referred October 5) of Paul V. Innis to be Weigher of Coal for term ending April 30, 1949.

The reports were accepted, and the question came on confirmation. Committee, Councilors Chase and Shanley. Whole number of ballots 14; yeas 14, and the appointments were confirmed.

RECESS.

On motion of Councilor Hurley, the Council took a recess at 3.30 p. m., subject to the call of the Chair. The members reassembled and were called to order by President HANNON at 4.20 p. m.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Coun. McCORMACK, for the Executive Committee, submitted the following:

1. Report on message of Mayor and order (referred today) that Fire Commissioner be authorized to lease to Lower Mills Memorial Post, No. 8600, Veterans of Foreign Wars, such unoccupied portions of fire station at River and Temple streets, Dorchester, as Fire Commissioner with approval of Mayor may deem advisable—that same ought to pass.

Report accepted; said order passed.

2. Report on message of Mayor and order (referred today) that sum of $6,000 be appropriated from special account, "Sales of City Property," to be expended by Hospital Department for construction of buildings, acquisition of land, etc.—that same ought to pass.

The report was accepted, and the order was given its first reading and passage, yeas 17, nays 0:

Yeas—Councilors Beades, Bryan, Cantwell, Chase, Coffey, Hannon, Hurley, Keenan, Kinsella, Lane, Lanigan, Linehan, McCormack, Ramsey, Shanley, Tracy, Wenzler—17.

Nays—0.

Assigned for 14 days for final action.

3. Report on message of Mayor and order (referred today) transferring $7,500 from Reserve Fund to Park Department, B-42, Contractual Services—that same ought to pass.

Report accepted; said order passed, yeas 16, nays 0.

Yeas—Councilors Beades, Bryan, Cantwell, Chase, Coffey, Hannon, Hurley, Keenan, Kinsella, Lane, Lanigan, Linehan, McCormack, Ramsey, Tracy, Wenzler—16.

Nays—0.

4. Report on message of Mayor and order (referred today) transferring land and buildings on Southampton and Atkinson streets, Roxbury. from Health Department to Traffic Commission—that same ought to pass.

Report accepted; said order passed.

On motion of Councilor Sullivan the Council voted to adjourn at 4.25 p. m., to meet on Monday, October 25, 1948, at 2 p. m.

Note: All debate of City Council eliminated from proceedings in accordance with Chapter 447, Acts of 1947.

(Stenographic copy of such debate on file in office of City Clerk.)

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of City Council.

Monday, October 25, 1948.

Regular meeting of the City Council held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 2 p. m., President HANNON in the chair. Absent Councilors Ansel, Chase, and Coffey.

The meeting was opened with the salute to the Flag.

APPOINTMENT BY THE MAYOR.

Subject to confirmation by the Council, the Mayor submitted the following appointment:

Richard F. O'Neil, 379 Beacon street, Boston, Mass., as Constable, for term ending April 30, 1949, not authorized to serve civil process, and to serve without bond.

Referred to Committee on Confirmations.

APPOINTMENT OF THOMAS P. DONAHUE.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, October 25, 1948.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

Under the provisions of chapter 599 of the Acts of 1946, I hereby appoint Thomas P. Donahue to the position of Deputy Director of Veterans' Services, said appointment to be subject to approval of the Civil Service Commission.

I respectfully recommend passage of the accompanying order.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Department of Veterans' Services,
October 25, 1948.

Boston City Council, Council Chamber, City Hall, Boston, Mass.
Gentlemen:

It is respectfully requested that the temporary appointment of Thomas P. Donahue to the position of Deputy Director of Veterans' Services with the Boston Department of Veterans' Services be approved and confirmed, pending the promotional examination for this position by Civil Service.

Very truly yours,
DAVID J. BRICKLEY, Director.

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Ordered, That the appointment by his Honor the Mayor of Thomas P. Donahue, to be Deputy Director of Veterans' Services, subject to Civil Service approval, be, and is hereby, confirmed and approved.

Referred to Committee on Confirmations.

INVITATION TO VISIT NAVY YARD.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, October 19, 1948.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I am in receipt of the accompanying communication extending an invitation to the Mayor and members of the City Council to visit the Boston Navy Yard on "Navy Day," October 27, between the hours of 9 a. m. and 3.30 p. m., and in the event any of the members can conveniently do so, I trust they will accept this very generous offer.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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Boston Naval Shipyard,
Boston, Mass., October 15, 1948.

Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.
Sir:

On October 27, 1948, the United States Navy, as in previous years, will observe "Navy Day." On this date, significant because it is the date on which the Bill to create a United States Fleet was introduced into Congress in 1775, the people of our country are encouraged to become better acquainted with their Navy and its activities.

In keeping with the spirit of this occasion, the Boston Naval shipyard is completing arrangements for extensive participation. All shops and activities will present exhibits of work performed by them and, in addition, vessels berthed at the shipyard will be available for inspection.

It has occurred to me that you may be interested in visiting the shipyard to acquaint yourself with some phases of its operation.

You and the members of the City Council are cordially invited to participate in the observance of "Navy Day" by a visit to this shipyard at any time between the hours of 9 a. m. and 3.30 p. m. on Wednesday, October 27, 1948. Should you be able to honor us with your presence, every effort will be made to make your visit worth while and enjoyable.

Sincerely yours,
W. McL. HAGUE,
Captain, USN., Commander.

Placed on file.

NAMING OF INTERSECTIONS IN HONOR OF VETERANS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, October 25, 1948.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I submit herewith 13 orders for the naming of various intersections in the city in honor of veterans of World War II, killed in action, or who died as the result of injuries incurred in the war.

The Committee to Memorialize Veterans, appointed by me, has recommended the naming of the various sites as set forth in the accompanying orders.

In view of the fact that each site is to be named in memory of a veteran who sacrificed his or her life on the altar of liberty, I recommend that your Honorable Body give approval to the several orders.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Street Laying-Out Department,
October 21, 1948.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

At a meeting held this day of the Committee to Memorialize Veterans, it was voted unanimously to designate the following intersections in honor of the following veterans of World War II, who were killed in action:

Elmdale and Adams streets, Dorchester—Edward J. McFadden square.

Weld and Centre streets, West Roxbury—Carr-Heffernan square (Lieut. John Heffernan, U.S.N. —Ensign Melvin Carr, Jr.).

Perth and Quincy streets, Dorchester—Angelo Guida Corsetti square.

H and East Seventh streets, South Boston—John J. Finn, Jr., square.

E and West Seventh streets, South Boston—John T. McDonough square.

Walter and Centre streets, West Roxbury—Frank J. Piazza square.

Franklin and North Harvard streets, Brighton—Giouse J. Fiorentino square.

Norfolk street and Woodrow avenue, Dorchester—Harold L. Castle square.

Forbes and Centre streets, Jamaica Plain—Joseph Peter Kelly square.

Franklin and Fern streets, Brighton—James F. Collins square.

Ashmont, Ocean, and Burt streets, Dorchester—Edward H. Sullivan, Jr., square.

Woodside avenue and Washington street, Jamaica Plain—Elmer Graves square.

Corey and Weld streets, West Roxbury—William G. Maylor square.

Notice of the above vote is being forwarded to you for the approval of your Honorable Body at an early date.

Very truly yours,
L. W. COSTELLO, Secretary.

Ordered, That the space at the junction of Corey and Weld streets, Ward 20, be named William G. Maylor square, in honor of William G. Maylor, late veteran of World War II.

Ordered, That the space at the junction of Woodside avenue and Washington street, Ward 11, be named Elmer Graves square, in honor of Elmer Graves, late veteran of World War II.

Ordered, That the space at the junction of Ashmont, Ocean, and Burt streets, Ward 17, be named Edward H. Sullivan, Jr., square, in honor of Edward H. Sullivan, Jr., late veteran of World War II.

Ordered, That the space at the junction of Franklin and Fern streets, Ward 22, be named James F. Collins square, in honor of James F. Collins, late veteran of World War II.

Ordered, That the space at the junction of Forbes and Centre streets, Ward 10, be named Joseph Peter Kelly square, in honor of Joseph Peter Kelly, late veteran of World War II.

Ordered, That the space at the junction of Norfolk street and Woodrow avenue, Ward 17, be named Harold L. Castle square, in honor of Harold L. Castle, late veteran of World War II.

Ordered, That the space at the junction of Franklin and North Harvard streets, Ward 22, be named Giouse J. Fiorentino square, in honor of Giouse J. Fiorentino, late veteran of World War II.

Ordered, That the space at the junction of Walter and Centre streets, Ward 20, be named Frank J. Piazza square, in honor of Frank J. Piazza, late veteran of World War II.

Ordered, That the space at the junction of E and West Seventh streets, Ward 6, be named John T. McDonough square, in honor of John T. McDonough, late veteran of World War II.

Ordered, That the space at the junction of H and East Seventh streets, Ward 7, be named John J. Finn, Jr., square, in honor of John J. Finn, Jr., late veteran of World War II.

Ordered, That the space at the junction of Perth and Quincy streets, Ward 13, be named Angelo Guida Corsetti square, in honor of Angelo Guida Corsetti, late veteran of World War II.

Ordered, That the space at the junction of Weld and Centre streets, Ward 20, be named Carr-Heffernan square, in honor of Lieut. John Heffernan, U. S. N., and Ensign Melvin Carr, Jr., late veterans of World War II.

Ordered, That the space at the junction of Elmdale and Adams streets, Ward 16, be named Edward J. McFadden square, in honor of Edward J. McFadden, late veteran of World War II.

Severally referred to the Executive Committee.

APPROPRIATION FOR PRINTING DEPARTMENT.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, October 25, 1948.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I am in receipt of the attached request from the Superintendent of Printing for an additional appropriation of $20,000 necessary to provide sufficient funds for the purchase of postage for the balance of the year.

In compliance with this request there is forwarded herewith an order providing for the appropriation of $20,000 from the income of the Printing Department, and I recommend consideration and adoption of this order by your Honorable Body.

Respectfully,
James M. Curley, Mayor.

Ordered, That to meet the current expenses payable during the financial year beginning with the first day of January, 1948, an additional sum of $20,000 (twenty thousand dollars) be, and the same hereby is, appropriated from the income of the Printing Department, for the following purpose:

Special Appropriation.

Departmental Stationery and Postage....$20,000

Referred to the Executive Committee.

TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATION, INSTITUTIONS DEPARTMENT.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, October 25, 1948.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

The enclosed request for transfer of appropriation, together with the accompanying order, is forwarded for consideration and adoption by your Honorable Body.

Respectfully,
James M. Curley, Mayor.

Ordered, That in accordance with the provisions of section 3B of chapter 486 of the Acts of 1909, as amended by chapter 604 of the Acts of 1941, the City Auditor be, and hereby is, authorized to transfer:

From the appropriation for Institutions Department, Long Island Hospital, B-39, General Repairs, $10,000, to the appropriation for Institutions Department, Child Welfare Division, C-16, Wearing Apparel, $10,000.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received and referred to the committees named, viz.:

Claims.

Francis Burke, for compensation for damage to property at 14 Furnival road, caused by overflow of water.

Peter DiBenedetto, for compensation for damage to property at 57 Bigelow street, Brighton, caused by work done by Water Department.

Abraham Dores, for compensation for damage to car by truck of Park Department.

Ethel Ellerin, for compensation for damage to property at 47 Harwood street, Dorchester, caused by broken sewer pipe.

Bryce Floyd, for compensation for damage to car by falling tree.

James Foran, to be reimbursed as result of accident which occurred while in performance of duty.

William E. Hayes, for compensation for damage to clothing while helping passenger who fell overboard.

Joseph L. Lanata, to be reimbursed as result of accident which occurred while in performance of duty.

Louis Maurello, for compensation for damage to clothing while helping passenger who fell overboard.

John J. Meads, to be reimbursed as result of accident which occurred while in performance of duty.

Leo F. Neely, for compensation for damage to property at 244 Reservation road, Hyde Park, during change of grade of street.

William J. O'Connor, to be reimbursed as result of accident which occurred while in performance of duty.

Nora T. Reardon, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at 265 Park street.

Arthur J. Sandberg, for refund on pawnbroker's license.

Emma F. Slaton, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at 5 Ayr road.

Mrs. Sabastiana Spinali, for compensation for damage to property at 15 Hale street, caused by taking of land for playground.

Charles E. Vye, for compensation for damage to car by fire apparatus.

Florence Wainhouse, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at 99 Summer street.

Mary A. Sullivan, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at 49 and 51 Story street, South Boston.

Michael F. Sullivan, for compensation for injuries to Mary A. Sullivan, caused by an alleged defect at 49 and 51 Story street.

Committee on Licenses.

Petitions to operate bowling alleys on the Lord's Day:

Mattapan Square Bowling Alleys, by Joseph V. Celli, 500 River street, Mattapan, Ward 18.

West Roxbury Bowling Center, Robert G. Ross, 119 Park street, West Roxbury, Ward 20.

PERMITS FOR CHILDREN.

Petitions for children under 15 years of age to appear at places of public amusement, viz.:

Margaret E. Butman, Recital Hall, October 30.

Gabriel Palmbaum, Jeremiah E. Burke School, December 3 and 4.

Permits granted under usual conditions.

NOTICES FROM STATE BOARD OF HOUSING.

Notices were received from the State Board of Housing of approval of the following expenditures by the Boston Housing Authority:

Capt. John's Hill Veterans' Housing Project, $26,566 for regrading, building parking areas and retaining walls, storm sewer construction, asphalt paved barn, and catch-basins.

Farragut Road Veterans' Housing Project, South Boston, $37,500 for acquisition of land taken by eminent domain.

Three Temporary Housing Projects, $19,166.88 for storm doors and hardware.

Severally placed on file.

APPROVAL OF LOAN BY EMERGENCY FINANCE BOARD.

Notice was received from the Emergency Finance Board of vote passed October 22, 1948, approving loan of $1,350,000 by City of Boston for Public Welfare Department.

Placed on file.

POLE LOCATION.

Notice was received from the Department of Public Utilities of permission granted Metropolitan Transit Authority for erection and use of pole on Hancock street, Dorchester.

Placed on file.

PROPOSED LEGISLATION RE CERTAIN PENSIONS.

Coun. HANNON offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor direct the Corporation Counsel to prepare legislation to present to the 1949 Legislature relative to the enclosed proposed amendment to chapter 521 of the Acts of 1922, as amended.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-Eight.

Proposed amendment to chapter 521, Acts of 1922, as amended:

Section 14, Paragraph 3: Strike out the words in lines 6 and 7 (or a patrolman in the police department). Add after line 12, the following: "or, if the employee was a member of the police department, the amount of such additional pension shall, together with the annuity and pension, be equal to three-fourths of the highest annual compensation payable to such employees holding positions in the same grade and classification occupied by him at the time of his retirement."

so as to read as follows:

Section 14, paragraph 3:

"(c) An additional pension of such an amount as will, together with the annuity and pension, be equal to three-fourths of the annual compensation received by him during the year immediately preceding the date of the accident; provided, that if the employee was a member of the fire fighting force of the fire department, the amount of such additional pension shall, together with the annuity and pension, be equal to three-fourths of the highest annual compensation payable to such employees holding positions in the same grade and classification occupied by him at the time of the accident, or, if the employee was a member of the police department, the amount of such additional pension shall, together with the annuity and pension, be equal to three-fourths of the highest annual compensation payable to such employees holding positions in the same grade and classifications occupied by him at the time of his retirement."

This act shall take full effect upon its acceptance by a vote of the City Council of said city, subject to the provisions of its charter, but not otherwise.

Bill presented to the Massachusetts General Court assembled for consideration in changing the Contributory Retirement System of the City of Boston.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

PAYMENTS TO METROPOLITAN TRANSIT AUTHORITY.

Coun. SULLIVAN offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to direct the financial officers of the City of Boston to withhold any further payments of any kind to the Metropolitan Transit Authority until such time as said Authority presents adequate evidence that the affairs of said Authority are being conducted efficiently and economically, and until such further time as will permit the next session of the Massachusetts Legislature to take appropriate action which will prevent any increase in fares, or any increase in deficit payments by the cities and towns in the transit district.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

RECESS.

On motion of Councilor Keenan the Council voted to take a recess at 2.13 p. m., subject to the call of the Chair. The members reassembled and were called to order by President HANNON at 2.30 p. m.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Coun. McCORMACK, for the Executive Committee, submitted the following:

1. Report on message of the Mayor and 13 orders (referred today) naming various intersections in honor of veterans of World War II — that same ought to pass.

The report was accepted, and the orders were severally passed.

2. Report on message of Mayor and order (referred today) for transfer of $10,000 from appropriation for Institutions Department, Long Island Hospital, to Child Welfare Division—that same ought to pass.

3. Report on message of the Mayor and order (referred today) appropriating $20,000 from income of Printing Department for Departmental Stationery and Postage—that same ought to pass.

The reports were accepted, and the orders were severally passed, yeas 16, nays 0:

Yeas—Councilors Beades, Bryan, Cantwell, Carey, Cook, Hannon, Hurley, Keenan, Lane, Lanigan, Linehan, McCormack, Ramsey, Shanley, Tracy, Yerxa—16.

Nays—0.

OPPOSITION TO PASSAGE OF LABOR REFERENDA ON STATE BALLOT.

Coun. COOK, CANTWELL, KEENAN, offered the following:

Resolved, That the City Council in meeting assembled oppose the passage of Referenda Nos. 5, 6, and 7.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN.

Coun. HANNON offered the following:

Ordered, That the Overseers of the Public Welfare Department confer with the Law Department relative to necessary steps to be taken to insure that every mother receiving Aid to Dependent Children receive each week the full compensation allotted under her budget requirements, regardless of any outside rulings.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

INSTALLATION OF ARC LIGHTS ON BOLTON STREET.

Coun. WENZLER offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to install two arc lights on Bolton street, between D and E streets, opposite the Father Buckley Playground, Ward 6.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

RECONSTRUCTION OF HEAD HOUSE PIER.

Coun. LINEHAN and WENZLER offered the following:

Ordered, That the Park Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to include in its budget for 1949 a sum sufficient to provide for the repair and reconstruction of the Head House Pier in Ward 7.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

RAZING OF DILAPIDATED BUILDING, WARD 7.

Coun. LINEHAN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Building Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to raze the dilapidated building at the corner of G and East Eighth streets, Ward 7, in the interest of public safety.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

CONSTRUCTION OF MULTIPLE DWELLING UNITS FOR VETERANS, WARD 7.

Coun. LINEHAN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Boston Housing Authority be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to consider the advisability of constructing multiple dwelling units for veterans and their families under chapter 372 of the Acts of 1946, and chapter 200 of the Acts of 1948, at the following locations in Ward 7:

1. On the vacant land located on East Fifth street, between G and H streets, South Boston.

2. On the vacant land located at the corner of Kemp street and Dorchester avenue.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

CONSTRUCTION OF APARTMENTS FOR VETERANS CONFINED TO WHEEL CHAIRS.

Coun. LINEHAN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Boston Housing Authority be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to select a site in Ward 7, along Columbia road or some other suitable location, for the purpose of constructing two-family houses under chapter 372, Acts of 1946, or chapter 200 of the Acts of 1948, said two-family houses shall be especially constructed so that the first floor apartments can be easily accessible and conveniently used by veterans confined to wheel chairs as a result of disability.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

Coun. BRYAN in the chair.

INSTALLATION OF ELECTRIC LIGHTS IN VICINITY OF COBDEN STREET, WARD 11.

Coun. TRACY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Public Works Commissioner be directed, through his Honor the Mayor, to arrange for the removal of gas lamps and installation of electric lights in the vicinity of Cobden street, Ward 11.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

HEARING ON SCHOOLHOUSE CUSTODIANS.

Coun. McCORMACK announced a public hearing on Tuesday, October 26, at 10 a. m., on exemption of schoolhouse custodians from 40-hour-week law.

REDUCTION OF PARKING METER RATES IN OUTLYING DISTRICTS.

Coun. BEADES and KEENAN ordered the following:

Ordered, That the Traffic Commission be instructed, through his Honor the Mayor, to immediately take steps to reduce the rate on parking meters from 5 cents to 1 cent per hour in the districts outside of downtown Boston.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

ANNUITY TO MARY A. EUNSON.

Coun. LINEHAN offered the following:

Resolved, That the Boston City Council hereby favors the enactment of legislation entitled "An Act Authorizing the City of Boston to Pay an Annuity to Mary A. Eunson, widow of Arthur McK. Eunson, a former member of the Police Department of said city," provided such legislation includes a referendum to the Mayor and City Council.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

PRINTING OF STREET BOOKS.

Coun. HANNON offered the following:

Ordered, That the City Council Committee on Printing be requested to order 400 hard-covered Street Books — 1948 issue, the expense of same to be charged to the fund for City Documents.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

RECESS.

By direction of President HANNON a 10-minute recess was taken at 3.50 p. m., and the members reassembled and were called to order by President HANNON at 4.12 p. m.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CLAIMS.

Coun. LANIGAN, for the Committee on Claims, submitted the following:

Report on petition of Joseph L. Madden (referred October 11) to be reimbursed in amount of execution issued against him on account of his acts as operator of motor apparatus belonging to Fire Department—recommending passage of the accompanying order:

Ordered, That the sum of one hundred thirty-one dollars ($131) be allowed and paid to Joseph L. Madden in reimbursement for amount of execution issued against him on account of his acts as operator

of motor apparatus belonging to the Fire Department, said sum to be charged to the Contingent Fund.

Report on petition of Peter M. Donnelly (referred October 5) to be reimbursed in amount of execution issued against him on account of his acts as operator of motor vehicle belonging to Police Department—recommending passage of accompanying order:

Ordered, That the sum of one hundred twenty-five dollars ($125) be allowed and paid to Peter M. Donnelly in reimbursement for amount of execution issued against him on account of his acts as operator of a motor vehicle belonging to Police Department, said sum to be charged to the Contingent Fund.

Reports accepted; said orders severally passed.

THE NEXT MEETING.

On motion of Councilor Sullivan the Council voted that when it adjourn it be to meet on Monday, November 8, 1948, at 2 p. m.

On motion of Councilor Sullivan the Council adjourned at 4.16 p. m., to meet on Monday, November 8, 1948, at 2 p. m.

Note: All debate of City Council eliminated from proceedings in accordance with Chapter 447, Acts of 1947.

(Stenographic copy of such debate on file in office of City Clerk.)

CITY OF BOSTON PRINTING DEPARTMENT

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of City Council.

Monday, November 8, 1948.

Regular meeting of the City Council held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 2 p. m., President HANNON in the chair. Absent, Councilor Carey.

The meeting was opened with the salute to the Flag.

JURORS DRAWN.

Jurors were drawn, Councilor Lanigan presiding at the box in the absence of the Mayor, as follows:

Sixty-two traverse jurors, Superior Criminal Court, to appear December 6, 1948:

Nicholas Bruno, Ward 1; Ernest E. Rezendes, Ward 1; George B. Small, Ward 1; John M. Kelley, Ward 2; Harry F. Folkins, Ward 3; Peter A. Younis, Ward 3; David W. Gamble, Ward 4; Thomas L. Nevin, Ward 4; George J. Beardsley, Ward 5; Mitchell Simon, Ward 5; Odell D. Barnes, Ward 6; George E. Stevens, Ward 6; Maxin Chaisson, Ward 7; Henry J. Sennott, Ward 7; Arthur Cotter, Ward 8; Fred J. Flaherty, Ward 9; William J. McGrath, Ward 9; Melvin O. Adams, Ward 12; Arthur A. Cooper, Ward 12; John Jones, Ward 12; Felix Jaskolski, Ward 13; Lawrence S. Oikle, Ward 13; Samuel Isadore Temkin, Ward 13; Thomas H. Bell, Ward 14; Samuel Buckman, Ward 14; Harry Schotland, Ward 14; Nathan Sudman, Ward 14.

Charles V. Reagan, Ward 15; Francis A. Farrell, Ward 16; Thomas F. Reynolds, Ward 16; Robert W. Jordan, Ward 17; John Lombardo, Ward 17; Jacob J. Strecker, Ward 17; Charles M. Barter, Ward 18; George Corman, Ward 18; Roger W. Curtis, Ward 18; Edward C. Huber, Ward 18; John J. Kelley, Ward 18; Charles Lake, Ward 18; Mark W. Menard, Ward 18; Harold R. A. Strom, Ward 18; Pasquale Guarino, Ward 19; Ernest Guy, Ward 19; Edward J. Hartel, Ward 19; John J. Manning, Ward 19; Damasus J. Sobol, Ward 19; Joseph F. Celli, Ward 20; George Harlow, Ward 20; George S. Maloof, Ward 20; Peter Petersen, Ward 20; John J. Prendergast, Ward 20; Gordon Bennett, Ward 21; Sumner Blustein, Ward 21; Edward T. Hatch, Ward 21; Leo S. Lisker, Ward 21; Herbert N. Molway, Ward 21; Edward J. Muir, Ward 21; Arthur L. O'Donnell, Ward 21; Thomas H. Andrews, Ward 22; Lamhrose L. Cokinos, Ward 22; Joseph T. Farry, Ward 22; Herbert J. Wilson, Ward 22.

One hundred sixty-one traverse jurors, Superior Civil Court, to appear December 6, 1948:

Edwin T. Casey, Ward 1; Jerome Coggio, Ward 1; Felice Cunsolo, Ward 1; Pasquale F. DeLeo, Ward 1; Walter F. Dove, Ward 1; Frederick J. Dwyer, Ward 1; William R. Gulla, Ward 1; Reginald L. Haggett, Ward 1; Howard Kennedy, Ward 1; Cornelius A. Murphy, Ward 1; Joseph Pellecchia, Ward 1; William A. Roach, Ward 1; Norman Sherman, Ward 1; Anthony D. Tedesco, Ward 1; Harold V. Connell, Ward 2; John F. Leonard, Ward 2; John T. Martin, Ward 2; John F. O'Brien, Ward 2; Joseph L. Bonfiglio, Ward 3; Ralph Orlando, Ward 3; James F. Russell, Ward 3; Lawrence Scola, Ward 3; Edwin L. Sleeper, Ward 3; Claude O. Whitley, Ward 3; Edward Bosma, Ward 4; John T. Fitzgerald, Ward 4; Harold A. Gillette, Ward 4; Harry L. Plummer, Ward 4; John C. White, Ward 4; John J. Camphell, Ward 5; Josiah H. Child, Ward 5; Louis J. Delaporte, Ward 5; Reginald L. Eastman, Ward 5; Adolph H. Faes, Ward 5; Eliot R. Fowle, Jr., Ward 5; Charles A. Keane, Ward 5; Vincent A. Lynch, Ward 5; John Petrulis, Ward 5; Louis R. Swan, Ward 5; Joseph F. Waht, Ward 5; Gordon Watson, Ward 5; John J. Bassett, Ward 6; George M. Flaherty, Ward 6; John J. O'Brien, Ward 6; Charles E. Cherry, Ward 7; Walter V. DesRoches, Ward 7; John W. Greenwood, Ward 7; Leo E. Gustin, Ward 7; John T. Havlin, Ward 7; Charles J. Melchin, Ward 7; James A. Niosi, Ward 7; Thomas P. Walsh, Ward 7; Francis J. Cooper, Ward 8; Frank C. Fairhanks, Ward 8; Jeremiah J. Hegarty, Ward 8; Theodore Brinkert, Ward 9; Arthur Thomas Gerald, Ward 9; David Hoffman, Ward 9; Richard McLaughlin, Ward 9; Francis X. Oram, Ward 9.

Albert W. Alexander, Ward 10; Frederick A. Baker, Ward 10; William V. Driscoll, Ward 10; Paul Ehinger, Ward 10; David C. McGloughlin, Ward 10; James McGovern, Ward 10; Carl H. Staples, Ward 10; Albert J. Apsit, Ward 11; Henry A. Burnes, Ward 11; Warren E. Fuller, Ward 11; John J. Sullivan, Ward 11; Hyman Cohen, Ward 12; Israel Dohkin, Ward 12; Charles Niss, Ward 12; William J. Phillips, Ward 12; Morris Rohins, Ward 12; Josef L. Rysman, Ward 12; Saverio Frisiello, Ward 13; Patrick J. Milligan, Ward 13: Graham T. Riggs, Ward 13; J. James Riorden, Ward 13; Samson R. Goulston, Ward 14; Harry B. Kaftan, Ward 14; Maxwell Lewin, Ward 14; Alexander O. MacKay, Ward 14; Benjamin Milden, Ward 14; Louis Sanders, Ward 14; Harry Smith, Ward 14; Harry Spigol, Ward 14; Henry H. Stern, Ward 14; Francis G. Barry, Ward 15; John M. Butler, Ward 15; William E. Ganer, Ward 15; Robert F. Hyde, Jr., Ward 15; Peter Joyce, Ward 15; William E. Rice, Ward 15; Charles M. Ruemker, Ward 15; John Squires, Ward 15; John F. Callahan, Ward 16; Francis Donahue, Ward 16; Edward J. Doolin, Ward 16; William J. Halpin, Ward 16; Victor E. Lindfors, Ward 16; Joseph W. MacMillan, Ward 16; John A. Mahoney, Ward 16; John L. Murray, Ward 16; J. Albert Nelson, Ward 16; Bernard J. Walsh, Ward 16; Elmer H. Wood, Ward 16; Walter H. Worsdell, Ward 16; Ralph H. Hansen, Ward 17; James J. Miles, Ward 17; George A. Niles, Ward 17; Hilmar M. Roll, Ward 17; Roger J. Scherher, Ward 17.

Theodore R. Benson, Ward 18; Ludwig Feifel, Ward 18; Charles J. Keohan, Ward 18; Alfred P. Ledbetter, Ward 18; Albert N. O'Brien, Ward 18; James E. O'Hara, Ward 18; Alfred O. Rocheleau, Ward 18; John J. Woodlock, Ward 18; Herman W. Zinke, Ward 18; Willy E. Bamberg, Ward 19, John J. Connelly, Ward 19; Thomas Cunningham, Ward 19; Thomas W. Dolan, Ward 19; Walter H. C. Heim, Ward 19; Charles L. Roth, Ward 19; Charles J. Yumont, Ward 19; James J. Coghlin, Ward 20; Peter Cosma, Ward 20; Frederick E. Gunther, Ward 20; Abraham Allen Maltz, Ward 20; Robert A. McPherson, Ward 20; Charles Smith, Ward 20; Walter J. Taylor, Ward 20; Joseph Welch, Ward 20; Walter Roy Alexander, Ward 21; Morris Colton, Ward 21; John P. Devine, Ward 21; William O. Gendron, Ward 21; Joseph S. Goss, Ward 21; Eugene Hodgkinson, Jr., Ward 21; Harry Krassin, Ward 21; Jacob Leavitt, Ward 21; Myer Mathoff, Ward 21; Bernard P. Myerson, Ward 21; Ivan Perreault, Ward 21; Lewis F. Sanders, Ward 21; Stanley Sawicki, Ward 21; Leonard Sheinfeld, Ward 21; Charles T. Silke, Ward 21; Harold Ashton Smith, Ward 21; Edward J. Sullivan, Ward 21; Benjamin Wyman, Ward 21; Lucian L. Broderick, Ward 21; Francis P. Harris, Ward 22; Frank E. Rohinson, Ward 22; Ross O. S. Steeves, Jr., Ward 22.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR.

Subject to confirmation by the Council, the Mayor submitted the following appointments, viz.:

Constable to serve with bond and with authority to serve civil process, for term ending April 30, 1949: Hyman Sandler, 31 Wales street, Dorchester, Mass.

Weigher of Coal, for term ending April 30, 1949: Lillian Stone, 19 Lorne street, Dorchester, Mass.

Severally referred to Committee on Confirmations.

VETO OF RESOLVE RE ANNUITY FOR MARY A. EUNSON.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, October 27, 1948.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

I return herewith disapproved, and without my signature, a resolution favoring enactment of legislation authorizing the payment of an annuity to Mary A. Eunson, widow of Arthur McK. Eunson, former member of the Police Department.

I am informed that after the death of Arthur McK. Eunson, a petition was filed to pay his widow an annuity under existing law. The Medical Board disapproved the petition because in its opinion Eunson did not die from an injury received in the performance of duty.

Approval of the present resolution would give rise to similar resolutions from each applicant for an annuity whose case was disapproved by the Medical Board. It would seem to me that if there is to be any broadening of the law relating to annuities, it should be attempted by a change in the General Laws of the Commonwealth and not, as in the present instance, by a special act affecting one person. For this reason, I do not approve the resolution.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Placed on file.

COMPUTATION OF INCOME OF VETERANS APPLYING FOR HOUSING.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, November 8, 1948.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

Attached hereto is a communication from the Boston Housing Authority relative to City Council order of September 10, 1945, concerning the elimination of considerations of disability pensions awarded to veterans, in computing the annual income of veterans' applications for housing.

Very truly yours,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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Boston Housing Authority,
10 Post Office Square, Boston,
November 5, 1948.

Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.

Subject: City Council Order, September 10, 1945, Requesting the Elimination of Considerations of Disability Pensions Awarded to Veterans, in Computing the Annual Income of Veterans' Applications for Housing.

Dear Mr. Mayor:

On September 10, 1945, on the proposal of City Councilor Michael L. Kinsella of Ward 2, the City Council requested this Authority to exclude disability pensions in determining income eligibility of veterans. On September 21, 1945, the Authority advised the Council, through you, that it could not succeed in having such ruling approved.

No doubt the Council will be pleased to know that now—three years later—such a ruling has been approved by both the Public Housing Administration and the State Housing Board and is being promulgated as procedure for this Authority effective immediately.

A copy of a press release issued this day concerning this matter is enclosed for your information.

Very truly yours,
CORNELIUS P. CRONIN, Chairman.

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HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS IN WARD 7.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, November 4, 1948.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Boston Housing Authority relative to your order of October 25, 1948, concerning proposed locations for housing developments in Ward 7, South Boston.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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Boston Housing Authority,
10 Post Office Square, Boston,
November 2, 1948.

Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.

Subject: City Council Order of October 25, 1948, Concerning Proposed Locations for Housing Developments in Ward 7, South Boston.

Dear Mr. Mayor:

This will acknowledge receipt of your communication of October 27, 1948, concerning the City Council order referred to above.

As previously reported to the Honorable the City Council, this Authority is of the opinion that no further funds for housing can be allocated to the South Boston district.

This decision is based upon the fact that there are presently two operation developments in that district to be augmented soon by the erection of three additional developments.

Very truly yours,
CORNELIUS P. CRONIN, Chairman.

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City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, November 4, 1948.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Boston Housing Authority relative to your order of October 18, 1948, concerning proposed locations for housing developments in Ward 7, South Boston.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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Boston Housing Authority,
10 Post Office Square, Boston,
November 2, 1948.

Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.

Subject: City Council Order Concerning Proposed Sites, Ward 7, South Boston.

Dear Mr. Mayor:

This will acknowledge receipt of your communication of October 21, 1948, in which you enclose the order of the City Council of October 18, 1948, concerning proposed locations for housing developments in Ward 7, South Boston.

The Authority has considered this matter very carefully with relation to the over-all program for the city.

In view of the fact that there are presently situated in South Boston the two operating developments known as Old Harbor Village and the Old Colony Development, and, inasmuch as three new developments will soon be erected in South Boston—one at Broadway and D street, another at Farragut road and another at Columbia road and P street—it is the opinion of the Authority that no further allocation of developments can be made to this section at this time.

Very truly yours,
CORNELIUS P. CRONIN, Chairman.

Severally placed on file.

TWO-FAMILY HOUSE DEVELOPMENT FOR DISABLED VETERANS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, November 4, 1948.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Boston Housing Authority relative to your order of October 25, 1948, concerning two-family house development in Ward 7, with specific construction for disabled veterans.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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Boston Housing Authority,
10 Post Office Square, Boston,
November 2, 1948.

Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.

Subject: City Council Order of October 25, 1948, Concerning Two-Family House Development in Ward 7, with Specific Construction for Disabled Veterans.

Dear Mr. Mayor:

This will acknowledge receipt of your communication of October 27, 1948, concerning the City Council order of October 25, 1948, referred to in the above subject.

A somewhat similar order was passed by the Council on October 18, 1948, concerning developments in South Boston. In the letter answering that order the Authority pointed out that it did not feel that it could allocate further funds to the South Boston area. This was due to the fact that two developments are presently operating in that section and three additional developments are scheduled for early erection.

With reference to the problem of special construction to house disabled veterans using wheel chairs, please be advised that the Authority will give consideration to this matter and make a further report to the Honorable the City Council through your office.

Very truly yours,
CORNELIUS P. CRONIN, Chairman.

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REMOVAL OF TREE ON NEPONSET AVENUE.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, October 22, 1948.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Park Department, relative to your order of October 5, 1948, concerning the removal of a tree in front of 138 Neponset avenue, Dorchester.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Park Department, October 19, 1948.

Mr. Lawrence P. Gilligan,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Sir:

In regard to the tree in front of 138 Neponsot avenue, Dorchester, we find it is one of those stately elm trees that is about 6 feet in diameter at the base.

This is one of those old landmark trees of Dorchester, probably being there about 100 years. It is a healthy tree and in very good condition.

The only way a tree can be removed that is alive is that it must be considered a public necessity to have it removed; that it must be posted stating that there is a public necessity to remove it; that it be published in the newspapers; and a hearing be held where the public are invited.

It certainly seems, with all the trees we have in the city, some of which are not in good shape, that this tree, 100 years of age, in good healthy condition, it would be a public emergency necessary that would warrant such extreme action.

Very truly yours,
JOHN J. MURPHY, Chairman.

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NAMING OF MARINE PARK BANDSTAND.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, November 3, 1948.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Park Department, relative to your order of October 18, 1948, concerning the naming of the new bandstand at Marine Park, South Boston, in honor of the late General John H. Dunn.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Park Department, November 1, 1948.

Mr. Lawrence P. Gilligan,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Sir:

I have your memorandum of October 21 with enclosure, order of the City Council that the Special Committee to Memorialize Veterans be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to name the new bandstand at Marine Park, South Boston, in honor of the late John H. Dunn, a distinguished veteran of the Spanish-American War and World War I, also a public official of the City of Boston for many years.

The question of naming the playground will be brought before the Board of Park Commissioners for approval at its next meeting, the name to be John H. Dunn Memorial Bandstand.

In the meantime I will obtain bids on the cost of installing a bronze plaque on the bandstand.

Very truly yours,
JOHN J. MURPHY, Chairman.

Placed on file.

FLOODLIGHTS AT SOUTH BOSTON STADIUM.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, October 29, 1948.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Park Department, relative to your order of October 18, 1948, concerning the advisability of installing floodlights at the South Boston Stadium, so that night football and baseball games and other recreational activities may be furnished the citizens of Boston.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Park Department, October 27, 1948.

Lawrence P. Gilligan,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your memorandum of October 21, with enclosure, order of the City Council that the Park Commission be requested to include in its budget for the coming year a sum sufficient to provide for the installation of floodlights at the South Boston Stadium, so that night football and baseball games and other recreational activities may be furnished the citizens of Boston; also that the Park Commission study the advisability of installing floodlights in other stadia and parks which have a fairly large seating capacity.

It is the usual custom, when floodlights are installed on playgrounds or athletic areas, that the particular playground or area is enclosed with either a fence or a wall. In my opinion this is very important because floodlights out in an open area, open to youngsters at all times, would be subjected to at least some vandalism.

In the new municipal stadium at Franklin Park, which will be enclosed, floodlights will be installed.

The Columbus Park Stadium is the most natural place for night football or baseball games and other athletic contests.

The installation of lights at the Columbus Park Stadium would be costly. The cost of maintaining same would be high, and we would have an additional burden in the way of playground personnel, as the playground would have to be open during the daytime for the younger children and also for the after-dark contests that would take place there. However, I will have an estimate of the cost of the installation of floodlights at this stadium submitted to the Budget Commissioner when the budget is submitted. I will also include the additional cost for the extra men to operate this playground, not only during the daytime but many nights of the year, as per the City Council's request.

Very truly yours,
JOHN J. MURPHY, Chairman.

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REPAIR OF HEAD HOUSE PIER.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, October 29, 1948.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Park Department, relative to your order of October 25, 1948, concerning the repairing and reconstruction of the Head House Pier in Ward 7.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Park Department, October 28, 1948.

Mr. Lawrence P. Gilligan,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Sir:

I have your memorandum of October 27, 1948, with enclosure, Council order of October 25, requesting the Park Commission to include in its budget for 1949 a sum sufficient to provide for the repair and reconstruction of the Head House Pier in Ward 7.

In accordance with this request, the Park Commission will try to make provision in its 1949

budget for repairs and reconstruction to Head House Pier.

Very truly yours,
JOHN J. MURPHY, Chairman.

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TRAFFIC SURVEY, PRINCE STREET.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, October 19, 1948.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Traffic Commission, relative to your order, dated September 20, 1948, concerning the making of a survey of Prince street, between Hanover street and North square, with a view to determining the best method of eliminating the hazardous condition which now exists there, due to the turning of busses at this particular point.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Traffic Commission, October 18, 1948.

Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.
Dear Sir:

In reply to blue memo of September 23, 1948, signed by Lawrence P. Gilligan, chief clerk, requesting consideration and report on attached Council order of Councilor Lanigan, dated September 20, 1948, reading as follows:

"Ordered, That the Traffic Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to make a survey of Prince street, between Hanover street and North square, with a view to determining the best method of eliminating the hazardous condition which now exists there due to the turning of busses at this particular point."

please be advised that Prince street, between Hanover street and North square, has about a 16-foot roadway and is a two-way street. To make Prince street one way, the natural way would be from Hanover street to North square, which would force traffic into narrow, thickly settled residential streets where many children use the roadway for a playground.

Captain Casey looked this area over with Traffic Engineer Philip T. Desmond and it was their opinion that strict enforcement of the "No Parking" rule in Prince street would permit easy movement for the few vehicles that use this street.

I, therefore, recommend that no change be made.

Respectfully submitted,
LEO F. CURLEY, Commissioner.

Placed on file.

"SLOW" SIGN, NORTHBOURNE ROAD, WARD 19.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, October 27, 1948.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Traffic Commission relative to your order of October 18, 1948, concerning the installing of a "Slow" sign on Northbourne road, Jamaica Plain, near the Seaver School, in Ward 19.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Traffic Commission, October 27, 1948.

Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.
Dear Sir:

This is to acknowledge Council order dated October 18, 1948, which reads as follows:

"Ordered, That the Traffic Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to install a "Slow" sign on Northbourne road, Jamaica Plain, near the Seaver School, in Ward 19."

Please be informed that I have requested our engineers to make an investigation of same, and upon receipt of their report you will be advised of the action we take.

Respectfully submitted,
LEO F. CURLEY, Commissioner.

Placed on file.

TRAFFIC LIGHTS, TOPLIFF STREET, WARD 15.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, October 27, 1948.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Traffic Commission, relative to your order of October 18, 1948, concerning the installing of traffic lights or signs on Topliff street, Ward 15, or making it one way from Geneva avenue to Bowdoin street.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Traffic Commission, October 27, 1948.

Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.
Dear Sir:

This is to acknowledge Council order dated October 18, 1948, which reads as follows:

"Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to instruct the Traffic Commissioner to either install traffic lights or signs on Topliff street, Ward 15, or make it one way from Geneva avenue to Bowdoin street."

Please be informed that I have requested our engineers to make an investigation of same, and upon receipt of their report you will be advised of the action we take.

Respectfully submitted,
LEO F. CURLEY, Commissioner.

Placed on file.

TRAFFIC LIGHTS AT WARREN, SPARHAWK, AND CAMBRIDGE STREETS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, October 27, 1948.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Traffic Commission, relative to your order of October 18, 1948, concerning the installing of traffic lights at the junction of Warren, Sparhawk, and Cambridge streets, Wards 21 and 22.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Traffic Commission, October 27, 1948.

Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.
Dear Sir:

This is to acknowledge Council order dated October 18, 1948, which reads as follows:

"Ordered, That the Traffic Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to install traffic lights at the junction of Warren, Sparhawk, and Cambridge streets, Wards 21 and 22."

Please be informed that I have requested our engineers to make a survey of same, and upon receipt of their report you will be advised of the action we take.

Respectfully submitted,
LEO F. CURLEY, Commissioner.

Placed on file.

TRAFFIC SURVEY, NEPONSET AVENUE.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, October 27, 1948.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Traffic Commission, relative to your order of October 18, 1948, concerning the making of a survey of Neponset avenue, just before going over the bridge into Quincy, with a view to installing pedestrian lights at approximately 488 Neponset avenue for the protection of residents of this area who at present must cross this dangerous thoroughfare in order to board M. T. A. busses.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Traffic Commission, October 27, 1948.
Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.
Dear Sir:
This is to acknowledge Council order dated October 18, 1948, which reads as follows:
"Ordered, That the Traffic Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to make a survey of Neponset avenue, just before going over the bridge into Quincy, with a view to installing pedestrian lights at approximately 488 Neponset avenue for the protection of residents of this area who at present must cross this dangerous thoroughfare in order to board M. T. A. busses."
Please be informed that I have requested our engineers to make a survey of same, and upon receipt of their report you will be advised of the action we take.
Respectfully submitted,
LEO F. CURLEY, Commissioner.
Placed on file.

TRAFFIC LIGHTS, LAMARTINE AND BOYLSTON STREETS.

The following was received:
City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, October 19, 1948.
To the City Council.
Gentlemen:
I transmit herewith communication from the Traffic Commission, relative to your order of October 5, 1948, concerning the installation of lights at the junction of Lamartine street and Boylston street, in Ward 19.
Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Traffic Commission, October 18, 1948.
Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.
Dear Sir:
In reply to Council order dated October 5, 1948, which reads as follows:
"Ordered, That the Traffic Department be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to install lights at the junction of Lamartine street and Boylston street, in Ward 19,"
please be advised that this request will be given every consideration.
Respectfully submitted,
LEO F. CURLEY, Commissioner.
Placed on file.

TRAFFIC CONDITIONS, ADAMS STREET AND GALLIVAN BOULEVARD.

The following was received:
City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, October 19, 1948.
To the City Council.
Gentlemen:
I transmit herewith communication from the Traffic Commission, relative to your order dated September 20, 1948, concerning the alleviation of present traffic conditions at the junction of Adams street and Gallivan Boulevard, including Minot street, with a view to installing new traffic lights and an island.
Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Traffic Commission, October 18, 1948.
Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.
Dear Sir:
In reply to blue memo of September 23, 1948, signed by Lawrence P. Gilligan, chief clerk, requesting consideration and report on Council order of September 20, 1948, reading as follows:
"Ordered, That the Traffic Commissioner be directed, through his Honor the Mayor, to take steps to immediately alleviate the present traffic conditions at the junction of Adams street and Gallivan Boulevard, including Minot street, with a view to installing new traffic lights and an island,"
please be advised that at the present time we have traffic signals at the intersection of Adams street, Gallivan Boulevard, and Granite avenue.
The difficulty at this junction is due to two factors: (1) the heavy left-hand turn from Gallivan Boulevard into Adams street; (2) the movement of busses around the existing island.
These two factors render it almost impossible to effectively control this intersection by the use of traffic lights. For this reason it is respectfully suggested that the intersection remain as it is at present.
Respectfully submitted,
LEO F. CURLEY, Commissioner.
Placed on file.

TRAFFIC SIGNALS, ARBORWAY AND SOUTH STREET.

The following was received:
City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, October 19, 1948.
To the City Council.
Gentlemen:
I transmit herewith communication from the Traffic Commission, relative to your order of October 5. 1948, concerning the installing of automatic traffic signals at the junction of the Arborway and South street, in Ward 11.
Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Traffic Commission, October 18, 1948.
Lawrence P. Gilligan,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Sir:
In reply to blue memo dated October 7, 1948, please be advised that the installation of signal lights at the intersection of Arborway and South street will be completed shortly.
Sincerely yours,
LEO F. CURLEY, Commissioner.
Placed on file.

INSTALLATION OF STREET LIGHTS, SOUTH BOSTON.

The following was received:
City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, November 4, 1948.
To the City Council.
Gentlemen:
I transmit herewith communication from the Pubilc Works Department, relative to your order of October 5, 1948, concerning the installing of an electric street light on the reservation side of the intersection of H street and Columbia road, South Boston, and also new electric street lights along the intersections of the streets from H street up to P street at the intersections of the Strandway.
Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Public Works Department,
November 4, 1948.
Mr. Lawrence P. Gilligan,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Sir:
I return herewith order in City Council that the Commissioner of Public Works install an electric light on the reservation side of the intersection of H street and Columbia road, and also make a survey and install new electric lights along the intersections of streets from H street to P street at the intersections of the Strandway, South Boston, and this will advise you that a light is in the process of being installed as of October 28, 1948; also, that a survey is now being made for other locations mentioned.
Very truly yours,
ROBERT P. CURLEY,
Commissioner of Public Works.
Placed on file.

LIGHT AT WALK HILL STREET AND HYDE PARK AVENUE.

The following was received,
City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, November 4, 1948.
To the City Council.
Gentlemen:
I transmit herewith communication from the Public Works Department, relative to your order of October 5, 1948, concerning the installing of

an additional light at the corner of Walk Hill street and Hyde Park avenue in Ward 19.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Public Works Department,
November 4, 1948.

Mr. Lawrence P. Gilligan,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.

Dear Sir:

I return herewith order in City Council that the Commissioner of Public Works install an additional electric light at the corner of Walk Hill street and Hyde Park avenue, West Roxbury, and this will advise you that a new light is in the process of being installed as of October 28, 1948.

Very truly yours,
ROBERT P. CURLEY,
Commissioner of Public Works.

Placed on file.

USE OF ABANDONED FERRY HOUSE BY WILLIAM JOYCE POST.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, October 26, 1948.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Public Works Department, relative to your order of October 5, 1948, concerning the turning over of the abandoned ferry house at the foot of Lewis street to the William Joyce Post of the American Legion.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Public Works Department,
October 22, 1948.

Mr. Lawrence P. Gilligan,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.

Subject: Council Order of October 5, 1948, Requesting the Turning Over of the Abandoned Ferry House at the Foot of Lewis Street to the William Joyce Post of the American Legion.

Dear Sir:

In connection with the above-referred-to order, I wish to advise that there is no abandoned ferry house at the foot of Lewis as referred to in the order. The former Fire Station No. 47, which was turned over to this department in June, 1947, by the Fire Department, is now being used as an office and storehouse building by the Ferry Service, and the former portable building which had been used as a ferry office is now being used as a carpenter and rigger shop.

I have been unable to contact the City Clerk and the councilor from that district to inquire as to just which building is referred to. However, I wish to repeat that there are no abandoned buildings on this site at this time.

Very truly yours,
ROBERT P. CURLEY,
Commissioner of Public Works.

Placed on file.

SALARIES OF FIRE CAPTAINS AND LIEUTENANTS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, October 25, 1948.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Fire Department relative to your order of August 30, 1948, concerning the advisability of increasing the salaries of Boston Fire Department captains and lieutenants.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Fire Department, October 8, 1948.

Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Mr. Mayor:

Reference is made to your communication of October 7, 1948, concerning City Council order passed August 30, 1948, relative to pay increase for lieutenants and captains of the Boston Fire Department.

The subject matter of the City Council order has previously been discussed in detail by me with your Honor and the Budget Commissioner, Mr. Sullivan.

Inasmuch as it appears that there are insufficient funds in Item A-1 of our budget to meet current needs up to the end of the year, it was deemed advisable to take no action until such time as either other funds could be provided, or savings effected in other budget items to offset the present deficit in A-1.

It is with regret, therefore, that I must report to your Honor that I cannot recommend equalization of pay for the lieutenants and captains of the Fire Department with salaries paid to sergeants and lieutenants in the Police Department until I can be assured by the Budget Commissioner that other funds are available.

Respectfully yours,
RUSSELL S. CODMAN, JR.
Fire Commissioner.

Placed on file.

INSTALLATION OF LIGHT, NORTH MARGIN STREET.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, November 4, 1948.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Public Works Department relative to your order of recent date, concerning the installing of an arc light on North Margin street, opposite the Health Unit, between Thacher and Cooper streets, Ward 3.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Public Works Department,
November 4, 1948.

Mr. Lawrence P. Gilligan,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.

Dear Sir:

I return herewith order in City Council that the Commissioner of Public Works install an arc light on North Margin street, opposite the Health Unit, between Thacher and Cooper streets, Ward 3, and this will advise you that a new light is in the process of being installed as of October 28, 1948.

Very truly yours,
ROBERT P. CURLEY,
Commissioner of Public Works.

Placed on file.

LIGHT AT SUN COURT STREET AND NORTH STREET.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, November 4, 1948.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Public Works Department relative to your order of recent date, concerning the installing of an arc light at the junction of Sun Court street and North street, Ward 3.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Public Works Department,
November 4, 1948.

Mr. Lawrence P. Gilligan,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.

Dear Sir:

I return herewith order in City Council that the Commissioner of Public Works install an arc light at the junction of Sun Court street and North street, Ward 3, and this will advise you that a light is in the process of being installed as of October 28, 1948.

Very truly yours,
ROBERT P. CURLEY,
Commissioner of Public Works.

Placed on file.

LIGHT AT ELVEN ROAD AND WASHINGTON STREET, WARD 19.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, November 4, 1948.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Public Works Department relative to your order of October 5, 1948, concerning the installing of a street light at the junction of Elven road and Washington street, Roslindale, in Ward 19.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Public Works Department,
November 4, 1948.

Mr. Lawrence P. Gilligan,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Sir:

I return herewith order in City Council that the Commissioner of Public Works install an electric light at the junction of Elven road and Washington street, Roslindale, Ward 19, and this will advise you that a new light is in the process of being installed as of October 28, 1948.

Very truly yours,
ROBERT P. CURLEY,
Commissioner of Public Works.

Placed on file.

PAINTING OF LOWRY HYDRANT COVERS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, October 28, 1948.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Public Works Department concerning your order of October 18, in regard to the painting of Lowry hydrant covers red and white so that they may be located easily in the event of an emergency.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Public Works Department,
October 27, 1948.

Lawrence P. Gilligan,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Sir:

Replying to Council order of October 18, 1948, requesting the Commissioner of Public Works to paint Lowry hydrant covers red and white so that they may be easily located in the event of an emergency, there is no known paint to my knowledge that will stand the wear and tear of traffic.

Consequently, I can see no reason why the request should be complied with.

Very respectfully,
ROBERT P. CURLEY,
Commissioner of Public Works.

Placed on file.

APPROPRIATION FOR BOSTON HOUSING AUTHORITY.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, November 4, 1948.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

On October 18, 1948, your Honorable Body passed and I approved an order transferring and appropriating out of the Reserve Fund the sum of $96,132 as a grant in aid of the Boston Housing Authority. One of the provisions of the order was that the grant should be paid over to the Boston Housing Authority only to the extent or amount necessary to defray such part of the development cost of the proposed South Boston housing project as would not be covered by the financial assistance agreement with the Commonwealth. This provision was expressly included because at that time the precise figures were not known by me. Recently, the formal documents authorizing the project were executed and they disclose that the exact amount to come out of the Reserve Fund is $84,554.92.

In order that the Reserve Fund may not be encumbered by the larger sum, I recommend that your Honorable Body adopt forthwith the two accompanying orders, one of which will rescind the original transfer and appropriation order and the other of which will transfer and appropriate anew from the Reserve Fund the exact amount of $84,554.92.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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Ordered, That the order passed by the City Council and approved by the Mayor on October 18, 1948, transferring and appropriating out of the Reserve Fund the sum of $96,132 as a grant in aid of the Boston Housing Authority be, and hereby is, rescinded.

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Ordered, That out of the sum heretofore appropriated in the current year as a Reserve Fund the sum of eighty-four thousand five hundred fifty-four and 92/100 dollars ($84,554.92) be, and hereby is, transferred and appropriated under General Laws (Ter. Ed.) c. 121, s. 26CC (as amended), by virtue of General Laws (Ter. Ed.) c. 121, s. 26NN (as inserted by St. 1948, c. 200, s. 3), as a grant in aid of the Boston Housing Authority to be used by said Authority only for the purpose of defraying such necessary part of the development cost of the state-aided housing project in South Boston known as Boston No. 200-1 as will not be met by loans, contributions, or grants from the Commonwealth or otherwise.

Severally referred to Executive Committee.

APPROPRIATION FOR ZONING ADJUSTMENT BOARD.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, November 8, 1948.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

Each year it is customary to appropriate the sum of $1,500 to carry on the routine work of the Board of Zoning Adjustment of the City of Boston, constituted under section 20, chapter 488, of the Acts of 1924, commonly known as the Boston Zoning Law. The money is expended for verbatim records of public hearings, blueprints, postage, automobile hire for inspection trips, personal services, including engineering, drafting, secretarial, and clerical work, and miscellaneous expenses.

The Board of Zoning Adjustment, through its chairman, Dana Somes, has requested an appropriation of $1,500 to cover its operating expenses, and in compliance with this request I submit the attached order providing for this appropriation from the Contingent Fund, and recommend adoption by your Honorable Body.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Board of Zoning Adjustment,
October 25, 1948.

Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.
Dear Mr. Mayor:

The Board of Zoning Adjustment at its meeting held on Wednesday, October 20, 1948, unanimously voted to request of his Honor the Mayor the transfer of the sum of $1,500 from the Contingent Fund for routine operation of the Board of Zoning Adjustment for the ensuing year.

This money is expended for verbatim records of public hearings, blueprints, supplies, and personal services, including engineering, drafting, secretarial, and clerical work. There is a balance as of October, 1948, of $9.02.

It is the Board's opinion that the sum requested, namely, $1,500, will be reasonably adequate to carry on its work for the ensuing year.

Respectfully yours,
DANA SOMES, Chairman.

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Ordered, That the sum of fifteen hundred dollars ($1,500) be, and hereby is, appropriated, to be expended under the direction of the Board of Zoning Adjustment, for the operating expenses of this Board, said sum to be charged to the Contingent Fund.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

APPROPRIATION FROM PARKMAN FUND INCOME.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, November 8, 1948.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I am in receipt of the attached communication from the Board of Park Commissioners requesting the appropriation of $38,000 from the income of the George F. Parkman Fund, to be expended under the direction of the Board of Park Commissioners for the Maintenance and Improvement of the Common and Parks in Existence on January 12, 1887.

The 1948 budget estimates of the personal service requirements of the Park Department included an estimate of the total income of $170,000 from the Parkman Fund. The budget allowances made provision for the appropriation of this income as it accrued for the purpose of defraying the cost of work actually performed on the Common and Parks in Existence on January 12, 1887.

I submit herewith an order appropriating the sum of $38,000, the accrued income now available from the Parkman Fund, and respectfully recommend its immediate passage by your Honorable Body.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Park Department, November 2, 1948.

Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.
Dear Sir:

By vote of the Board of Park Commissioners you are respectfully asked to request the City Council to transfer from the income of the George F. Parkman Fund the sum of $38,000 which is now available, to be expended under the direction of the Board of Park Commissioners as follows:

Common and Parks in Existence on January 1, 1887, Maintenance and Improvement of $38,000

When making up the budget estimates for the year 1948, a sum equal to the total yearly income of the George F. Parkman Fund was deducted from Item A–1, Permanent Employees, with the understanding that this deduction was to be replaced by the total yearly income of said Parkman Fund for 1948, to be transferred as it accrued from time to time during the year to the regular maintenance appropriations of the Park Department.

Respectfully yours,
JOHN J. MURPHY, Chairman.

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Ordered, That the sum of $38,000 be, and hereby is, appropriated from the income of the George F. Parkman Fund, to be expended under the direction of the Park Commissioners, for the Maintenance and Improvement of the Common and Parks in Existence on January 12, 1887, as follows:

Common and Parks in Existence on January 12, 1887, Maintenance and Improvement of $38,000

Referred to the Committee on Parkman Fund.

TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, November 8, 1948.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

The enclosed requests for transfer of appropriations, together with the accompanying orders, are forwarded for consideration and adoption by your Honorable Body.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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Ordered, That in accordance with the provisions of section 3B of chapter 486 of the Acts of 1909, as amended by chapter 604 of the Acts of 1941, the City Auditor be, and hereby is, authorized to transfer:

From the appropriation for City Council Proceedings, B-1, Printing and Binding, $1,000, to the appropriation for City Council, B-42, Miscellaneous, $1,000.

Ordered, That in accordance with the provisions of section 3B of chapter 486 of the Acts of 1909, as amended by chapter 604 of the Acts of 1941, the City Auditor be, and hereby is, authorized to transfer:

From the appropriation for Finance Commission, G, Incidentals, $385, to the appropriation for City Clerk, D-16, Miscellaneous Supplies, $385.

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Ordered, That in accordance with the provisions of section 3B of chapter 486 of the Acts of 1909, as amended by chapter 604 of the Acts of 1941, the City Auditor be, and hereby is, authorized to transfer:

From the appropriation for Finance Commission, G, Incidentals, $1,500, to the appropriation for Treasury Department, D-1, Office, $1,500.

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Ordered, That in accordance with the provisions of section 3B of chapter 486 of the Acts of 1909, as amended by chapter 604 of the Acts of 1941, the City Auditor be, and hereby is, authorized to transfer:

From the appropriation for Institutions Department, Long Island Hospital, A-1, Permanent Employees, $1,030, to the appropriation for Institutions Department, Central Office, A-1, Permanent Employees, $600; B-4, Transportation of Persons, $400; C-10, Library, $30.

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Ordered, That in accordance with the provisions of section 3B of chapter 486 of the Acts of 1909, as amended by chapter 604 of the Acts of 1941, the City Auditor be, and hereby is, authorized to transfer:

From the appropriation for Police Department, A-2, Temporary Employees, $15,000, to the appropriation for City Documents, B-1, Printing and Binding, $15,000.

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Ordered, That in accordance with the provisions of section 3B of chapter 486 of the Acts of 1909, as amended by chapter 604 of the Acts of 1941, the City Auditor be, and hereby is, authorized to transfer:

From the appropriation for Public Works Department, Sanitary Service, B-19, Removal of Waste, $15,000, to the Special Appropriation, Sidewalks, Construction and Reconstruction of, $15,000.

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Ordered, That in accordance with the provisions of section 3B of chapter 486 of the Acts of 1909, as amended by chapter 604 of the Acts of 1941, the City Auditor be, and hereby is, authorized to transfer:

From the appropriation for Public Works Department, Sumner Traffic Tunnel, B-39, General Repairs, $3,500, to the appropriation for Public Works Department, Sumner Traffic Tunnel, A-2, Temporary Employees, $3,500.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

ACCUMULATION OF SICK LEAVE ALLOWANCES.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, November 8, 1948.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

My attention has been directed to the fact that in accepting chapter 156 of the Acts of 1945 on June 11, 1945, your Honorable Body took no action on the provision that "sick leave allowances not used in any particular year may be accumulated for such number of years as may be determined by the City Council . . . for use in any subsequent year."

The accumulation of sick leave allowances for use in any subsequent year permits employees to establish a reserve against which extended absence because of serious illness may be charged. It is analogous to laying aside a reserve of cash to provide "for a rainy day." In my opinion, it is a desirable feature of a personnel program.

Under the provisions of chapter 146 of the Acts of 1947, members of the Police Department may accumulate sick leave up to ninety days. In the interest of uniformity, therefore, I submit herewith an order extending the same privilege to employees covered by section 111B of chapter 41

of the General Laws. I respectfully recommend adoption of this order by your Honorable Body.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Ordered, That six be, and hereby is, fixed and determined under section 111B of chapter 41 of the General Laws, as inserted by chapter 156 of the Acts of 1945 and amended by chapter 187 of the Acts of 1946, as the number of years for which sick leave allowances under said section not used in any particular year may be accumulated for use in a subsequent year.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

APPROPRIATION FOR POLICE DEPARTMENT MOTORCYCLES.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, October 28, 1948.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I am in receipt of the attached communication from the Police Commissioner in which he requests an appropriation of six thousand five hundred forty dollars and ninety cents ($6,540.90) to permit the purchase of six motorcycles to be used by the Police Department in connection with the supervision of parking meters. Under the provisions of section 1 of chapter 442 of the Acts of 1947, revenue received from parking meter fees may be used to meet necessary expenses incurred for the regulation of parking and other traffic activities incident thereto. Since proper supervision of the use of parking meters will assure a full return to the city of established parking meter fees, I submit herewith an order providing for the appropriation of the amount requested by the Police Commissioner and respectfully recommend its adoption by your Honorable Body.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Police Department, October 21, 1948.

Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.
Dear Mr. Mayor:

In order to make possible the proper supervision of parking meters, it will be necessary for this department to have six (6) motorcycles with sidecars.

After public advertisement, on June 9, 1948, we received bids on Harley Davidson motorcycles, the lowest bidder being the Cycle-Craft, Inc., 910 Commonwealth avenue, Boston, Mass., amounting to $6,540.90. While the price has increased, the bidding concern has agreed to furnish these motorcycles for the above amount.

There are no funds available in this department and it is my understanding that this is a proper charge against the income received from the parking meters. Therefore, I respectfully request that an appropriation of $6,540.90 be made available for this purpose.

Very truly yours,
THOMAS F. SULLIVAN,
Police Commissioner.

Ordered, That the sum of six thousand five hundred forty dollars and ninety cents ($6,540.90) be, and the same hereby is, appropriated from the revenue received from parking meter fees, to be expended by the Police Commissioner, for the purchase of motorcycles to be used in the supervision of the use of parking meters.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

TRANSFER OF LAND TO PARK DEPARTMENT.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, November 9, 1948.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I submit herewith an order for the transfer of nineteen lots of land located on Lake Shore road, Brighton, from the Real Estate Commissioners to the Park Department.

In view of the fact that the Park Department has control of other lands in this vicinity, I believe it good policy to transfer the land in question to this department in order that appropriate use may be made of this land for the benefit of the immediate community.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Park Department, November 4, 1948.

Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.
Dear Sir:

I am submitting herewith copies of an order to the City Council to have transfer of certain parcels of land on Lake Shore road, Brighton, from the Real Estate Commissioners of the City of Boston to the Park Department.

This department controls a large part of the property in the Chandler Pond district in the Lake Shore road area, and the Board of Park Commissioners believes it would be advisable to control all the area in the Chandler Pond district. By the acquisition of these lots we will then control all the area in the park and in the vicinity of the park.

Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that you arrange for the transfer of the parcels mentioned in the attached order from the Care, Custody, Control, and Management of the Chairman, Board of Real Estate Commissioners, to the Care, Custody, Control, and Management of the Park Department, for park purposes.

Respectfully yours,
JOHN J. MURPHY, Chairman.

Whereas, The City of Boston by a decree of the Land Court, Suffolk Registry District, dated July 3, 1935, foreclosed a right of redemption under a tax deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Book 5140, page 59, on about ten hundred and thirty-five (1,035) square feet of land on the southwesterly side of Lake Shore road, adjoining another estate now or formerly of one Ordway, being a lot shown on T. A. Finneran plan, dated October 22, 1925, on file in the office of the Board of Assessors of the City of Boston, Boston; and

Whereas, The City of Boston by a decree of the Land Court, Suffolk Registry District, dated July 15, 1935, foreclosed a right of redemption under a tax deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Book 5140, page 60, on about seven thousand six hundred and twenty-five (7,625) square feet of land on the southwesterly side of Lake Shore road, adjoining another estate now or formerly of one Ordway, being a lot shown on T. A. Finneran plan, dated October 22, 1925, on file in the office of the Board of Assessors of the City of Boston, Boston; and

Whereas, The City of Boston by a decree of the Land Court, Suffolk Registry District, dated August 5, 1935, foreclosed a right of redemption under a tax deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Book 5140, page 62, on about ten hundred and fifty (1,050) square feet of land on the southeasterly side of a proposed street, leading from the westerly side of Lake Shore road, adjoining another estate now or formerly of one Ordway, being a lot shown on T. A. Finneran plan, dated October 22, 1925, on file in the office of the Board of Assessors of the City of Boston, Boston; and

Whereas, The City of Boston by a decree of the Land Court, Suffolk Registry District, dated July 3, 1935, foreclosed a right of redemption under a tax deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Book 5140, page 61, on about forty-five hundred and ten (4,510) square feet of land on the southeasterly side of a proposed street, leading from the westerly side of Lake Shore road, adjoining another estate now or formerly of one Ordway, being a lot shown on T. A. Finneran plan, dated October 22, 1925, on file in the office of the Board of Assessors of the City of Boston, Boston; and

Whereas, The City of Boston by a decree of the Land Court, Suffolk Registry District, dated September 7, 1938, foreclosed a right of redemption under a tax deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Book 5139, page 165, on about fifty-five hundred (5,500) square feet of land on the westerly side of Lake Shore road, adjoining another estate now or formerly of one Chadwick, being lot sixty-two (62), T. A. Finneran plan, dated October 22, 1925; on file in the office of the Board of Assessors of the City of Boston, Boston; and

Whereas, The City of Boston by a decree of the Land Court, Suffolk Registry District, dated September 7, 1938, foreclosed a right of redemption under a tax deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Book 5139, page 166, on about fifty-five hundred

(5,500) square feet of land on the westerly side of Lake Shore road, making the southwesterly corner of a proposed street, adjoining another estate now or formerly of one Chadwick, being lot sixty-one (61), T. A. Finneran plan, dated October 22, 1925, on file in the office of the Board of Assessors of the City of Boston, Boston; and

Whereas, The City of Boston by a decree of the Land Court, Suffolk Registry District, dated March 28, 1935, foreclosed a right of redemption under a tax deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Book 5139, page 164, on about six thousand and fifty (6,050) square feet of land on the southeasterly side of a proposed street, leading from the westerly side of Lake Shore road, adjoining another estate now or formerly of one Chadwick, being lot sixty (60), T. A. Finneran plan, dated October 22, 1925, on file in the office of the Board of Assessors of the City of Boston, Boston; and

Whereas, The City of Boston by a decree of the Land Court, Suffolk Registry District, dated March 13, 1935, foreclosed a right of redemption under a tax deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Book 5139, page 162, on about seventy-four hundred and twenty-five (7,425) square feet of land on the northwesterly side of a proposed street, leading from the westerly side of Lake Shore road, adjoining another estate now or formerly of one Chadwick, being lot fifty-five (55), T. A. Finneran plan, dated October 22, 1925, on file in the office of the Board of Assessors of the City of Boston, Boston; and

Whereas, The City of Boston by a decree of the Land Court, Suffolk Registry District, dated March 13, 1935, foreclosed a right of redemption under a tax deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Book 5139, page 161, on about ninety-three hundred and fifty (9,350) square feet of land on the northwesterly side of a proposed street, leading from the westerly side of Lake Shore road, adjoining another estate now or formerly of one Chadwick, being lot fifty-four (54), T. A. Finneran plan, dated October 22, 1925, on file in the office of the Board of Assessors of the City of Boston, Boston; and

Whereas, The City of Boston by a decree of the Land Court, Suffolk Registry District, dated March 13, 1935, foreclosed a right of redemption under a tax deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Book 5139, page 160, on about fifty-five hundred (5,500) square feet of land on the northwesterly side of a proposed street, leading from the westerly side of Lake Shore road, adjoining another estate now or formerly of one Chadwick, being lot fifty-three (53) T. A. Finneran plan, dated October 22, 1925, on file in the office of the Board of Assessors of the City of Boston; and

Whereas, The City of Boston by a decree of the Land Court, Suffolk Registry District, dated March 13, 1935, foreclosed a right of redemption under a tax deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Book 5139, page 167, on about five thousand (5,000) square feet of land on the southwesterly side of Lake Shore road, making the westerly corner of a proposed street, adjoining another estate now or formerly of one Chadwick, being lot fifty-two (52), T. A. Finneran plan, dated October 22, 1925, on file in the office of the Board of Assessors of the City of Boston; and

Whereas, The City of Boston by a decree of the Land Court, Suffolk Registry District, dated November 28, 1938, foreclosed a right of redemption under a tax deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Book 5293, page 337, on about fifty-six hundred and seventy-five (5,675) square feet of land on the northwesterly side of Lake Shore road, adjoining another estate now or formerly of one Barth and another, being lot forty-three A (43A), T. A, Finneran plan, dated October 22, 1925, recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Book 4814, page 462, Boston. and

Whereas, The City of Boston by a decree of the Land Court, Suffolk Registry District, dated November 28, 1938, foreclosed a right of redemption under a tax deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds Book 5293, page 338, on about fifty-eight hundred and fifteen (5,815) square feet of land on the northwesterly side of Lake Shore road, adjoining another estate now or formerly of one Barth and another, being lot forty-four A (44A), T. A. Finneran plan, dated October 22, 1925, recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Book 4814, page 462, Boston; and

Whereas, The City of Boston by a decree of the Land Court, Suffolk Registry District, dated November 28, 1938, foreclosed a right of redemption under a tax deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Book 5293, page 339, on about fifty-nine hundred and fifty-five (5,955) square feet of land on the northwesterly side of Lake Shore road, adjoining another estate now or formerly of one Barth and another, being lot forty-five A (45A), T. A. Finneran plan, dated October 22, 1925, recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Book 4814, page 462, Boston; and

Whereas, The City of Boston by a decree of the Land Court, Suffolk Registry District, dated November 28, 1938, foreclosed a right of redemption under a tax deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Book 5293, page 340, on about six thousand ninety-six (6,096) square feet of land on the northwesterly side of Lake Shore road, adjoining another estate now or formerly of one Barth and another, being lot forty-six A (46A), T. A. Finneran plan, dated October 22, 1935, recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Book 4814, page 462, Boston; and

Whereas, The City of Boston by a decree of the Land Court, Suffolk Registry District, dated December 19, 1935, foreclosed a right of redemption under a tax deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Book 5293, page 344, on about fifty-three hundred (5,300) square feet of land on the westerly side of Lake Shore road, adjoining another estate now or formerly of one Barth and another, being lot fifty (50), T. A. Finneran plan, dated October 22, 1925, recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Book 4814, page 462, Boston; and

Whereas, The City of Boston by a decree of the Land Court, Suffolk Registry District, dated December 19, 1935, foreclosed a right of redemption under a tax deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Book 5293, page 343, on about fourteen thousand five hundred and fifty (14,550) square feet of land on the westerly side of Lake Shore road, adjoining another estate now or formerly of one Barth and another, being lot forty-nine (49), T. A. Finneran plan, dated October 22, 1925, recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Book 4814, page 462, Boston; and

Whereas, The City of Boston by a decree of the Land Court, Suffolk Registry District, dated December 19, 1935, foreclosed a right of redemption under a tax deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Book 5293, page 342, on about six thousand twenty-eight (6,028) square feet of land on the westerly side of Lake Shore road, adjoining another estate now or formerly of one Barth and another, being lot forty-eight A (48A), T. A. Finneran plan, dated October 22, 1925, recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Book 4814, page 462, Boston; and

Whereas, The City of Boston by a decree of the Land Court, Suffolk Registry District, dated December 19, 1935, foreclosed a right of redemption under a tax deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Book 5293, page 341, on about sixty-eight hundred and ninety-eight (6,898) square feet of land on the westerly side of Lake Shore road, adjoining another estate now or formerly of one Barth and another, being lot forty-seven A (47A), T. A. Finneran plan, dated October 22, 1925, recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Book 4814, page 462, Boston; and

Whereas, The Park Department has requested that the aforesaid parcels of foreclosed tax title properties be transferred to that department for recreational and playground purposes; now, therefore, it is hereby

Ordered, That the aforesaid parcels of foreclosed tax title properties be, and the same hereby are, transferred from the Care, Custody, Control and Management of the Chairman, Board of Real Estate Commissioners, to the Care, Custody, Control and Management of the Park Department, for Park Department purposes.

Referred to Committee on Public Lands.

PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received and referred to the committees named, viz.:

Claims.

Archie Anderson, to be reimbursed as result of accident which occurred while in performance of duty.

W. G. Bean, Jr., for compensation for damage to car by city truck.

Esther L. Burrows, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in Cleveland Circle.

Mary Clifford, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at 663 Broadway.

Armand A. Custeau, for compensation for damage to car by falling tree.

Elite G. DiMario, for compensation for damage to car by city car.
Margaret Eagan, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in Huntington avenue.
Egleston Taxi Company, for compensation for damage to car by city truck.
Agnes Griffin, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in Rev. Richard A. Burke street.
Edward J. Hartnett, for compensation for damage to car by fire apparatus.
James Hislop, to be reimbursed as result of accident which occurred while in performance of duty.
Daniel E. Holland, to be reimbursed for expenses incurred in digging for leak at 699 Shawmut avenue.
Theodosia M. Jones, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in Columbus avenue.
E. Krause, for compensation for damage to car by city truck.
Ada Leonardi, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at 228 Hanover street.
Leo J. Maybay, for compensation for damage to property at 9 Barlow street, caused by ball thrown from playground.
William F. McDonald, to be reimbursed as result of accident which occurred while in performance of duty.
Thomas Meehan, for compensation for damage to car by city truck.
William J. O'Neil, for compensation for damage to car caused by an alleged defect in La Grange street.
Alexander Rumsey, for compensation for damage to car by city truck.
Annie Sampson, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in Blackstone street.
John F. Scott, for compensation for collapse of water boiler at 864 Canterbury street.
Standard Brands, Inc., for compensation for damage to property caused by city vehicle.
Richard L. Swartz, for compensation for damage to car by fire truck.

Committee on Licenses.

Petitions to operate bowling alleys on the Lord's day:
Arborway Bowlaway, George S. Binen, 1 Boynton street, Ward 11.
Boylston Bowladrome, Inc., Morris Vigoda, 1260 Boylston street, Ward 5.
German Educational Society, Gustave W. Priesing, 194 Heath Street, Ward 10.
Alvaro Mezzetti, basement, South Station, Ward 3.
North Station Bowling Alleys, Gene DeMarco, 222½ Friend street, Ward 3.

PERMITS FOR CHILDREN.

The petition of Tributary Theatre of Boston for children under fifteen years of age to appear at New England Mutual Hall, November 20 and December 4, 1948, was received, and permit granted under usual conditions.

APPOINTMENT OF THOMAS F. KELLEY.

Notice was received from the Health Commissioner of appointment (permanent) of Thomas F. Kelley as milk collector of samples, effective November 10, 1948.
Placed on file.

APPROVAL BY STATE BOARD OF HOUSING.

Notices of approval by State Board of Housing of various expenditures by Boston Housing Authority were received as follows:
Removal of peat and mud at River Street (36) Veterans' Housing Project, Mattapan, not to exceed $5,550.
Extra work on A, B, D, and E streets, River Street Veterans' Housing Project, Mattapan, $5,315.25.
Changes in wood sash dimensions, Cottage Street Veterans' Housing Project, $28.40.
Rainwater piping at River Street (36) Veterans' Housing Project, Mattapan, $5,297.88.
Rock excavation, River Street (36) Veterans' Housing Project, Mattapan, $13,839.44.
Rock excavation, River Street (36) Veterans' Housing Project, Mattapan, $4,240.26.
Surface drainage, River Street (17) Veterans' Housing Project, Mattapan, $368.
Dampproofing three basements, Cottage Street Veterans' Housing Project, $919.88.
Installation of two additional concrete steps at Hawthorne Street Veterans' Housing Project, $50.
Changes in foundation at River Street (36) Veterans' Housing Project, Mattapan, $9,928.19.
Reinforced concrete slabs, River Street (36) Veterans' Housing Project, Mattapan, $13,720.81.
Rock excavation, River Street (30) Veterans' Housing Project, Mattapan, $791.64.
Contract for yard surfacing of Columbia Village Project to Central Construction Company, in amount of $27,800.
Severally placed on file.

NOTICES OF HEARINGS.

Notice was received from the Department of Public Utilities of hearing on November 12, at 10 a. m., on petition of Metropolitan Transit Authority for approval of issue of $2,175,000 principal amount of negotiable registered or coupon bonds or notes, payable serially in not more than 20 years from date thereof, to be sold to Boston Metropolitan District.
Notice was received from the Department of Public Utilities of hearing to be held November 12, at 10 a. m., on petition of Trustees of Boston Metropolitan District for approval of maturities and interest rate of $2,175,000 aggregate principal amount of bonds of said district, to mature in serial installments of $72,000 on each June 1 and $73,000 on each December 1 in the years 1949 through 1963 and to bear interest at a rate to be determined after competitive bidding.
Severally placed on file.

POLE LOCATION, METROPOLITAN TRANSIT AUTHORITY.

Notice was received from the Department of Public Utilities of permission granted the Metropolitan Transit Authority for erection, maintenance, and use of two poles on Dorchester avenue at Peabody square, Dorchester, in connection with operation of trackless trolleys.
Placed on file.

EXEMPTION OF EDISON LAND ON BERNARD STREET FROM ZONING LAW.

Notice was received from the Department of Public Utilities that exemption of parcel of land of Boston Edison Company on Bernard street, Dorchester, had been granted after public hearing at which no parties appeared in opposition.
Placed on file.

HEARING RE STATE HIGHWAY IN EAST BOSTON.

Notice was received from the State Department of Public Works of hearing to be held on November 10 at 2.30 p. m. on laying out of state highway in East Boston.
Placed on file.

RESOLUTIONS RE METROPOLITAN TRANSIT AUTHORITY.

Resolution passed by the Chelsea Board of Aldermen protesting excessive assessment under Metropolitan Transit Authority was received.
Resolution passed by the Somerville Board of Aldermen urging refusal of payment of deficit of Metropolitan Transit Authority was received.
Severally placed on file.

BOND OF INDEMNITY.

Notice was received from the Metropolitan District Commission that bond of indemnity from Martin J. Kelly Company, Inc., contractor on Water Division Contract No. 159, was filed with City Auditor on October 28, 1948.
Placed on file.

APPROPRIATION FOR HOSPITAL DEPARTMENT.

On motion of Councilor Sullivan, the Council called up, under unfinished business, No. 1 on the Calendar, viz.:

1. Order for appropriation of $6,000 for Hospital Department for construction of buildings, acquisition of land, etc.

On October 18, 1948, the said order was read once and passed, yeas 17, nays 0.

The order was given its second reading and passage, yeas 19, nays 0:

Yeas—Councilors Ansel, Beades, Bryan, Cantwell, Chase, Cook, Hannon, Hurley, Keenan, Kinsella, Lanigan, Linehan, McCormack, Ramsey, Shanley, Sullivan, Tracy, Wenzler, Yerxa—19.

Nays—0.

LEASE OF LAND TO F. P. DAVIS MONUMENTAL WORKS, INC.

On motion of Councilor McCormack, the Council voted to take from the table No. 2 on the Calendar, viz.:

2. Order for lease of land on Washington street, West Roxbury, to F. P. Davis Monumental Works, Inc.

On motion of Councilor McCormack, the order was given its first reading and passage, yeas 17, nays 1:

Yeas—Councilors Ansel, Beades, Bryan, Cantwell, Chase, Hannon, Hurley, Keenan, Kinsella, Lane, Lanigan, Linehan, McCormack, Ramsey, Shanley, Tracy, Yerxa—17.

Nays—Councilor Wenzler.

Voting Present—Councilor Sullivan.

Coun. WENZLER moved reconsideration of the foregoing vote, but the motion did not prevail.

Assigned for 14 days for final action.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONFIRMATIONS.

Coun. ANSEL, for the Committee on Confirmations, submitted the following:

1. Report on appointment by the Mayor (referred October 25) of Richard F. O'Neil, as Constable for term ending April 30, 1949, not authorized to serve civil process and to serve without bond—recommending that appointment be confirmed.

Report on appointment by the Mayor (referred October 18) of following as Weighers of Goods: Joseph MacEachern, Coleman Costello, Dennis Crowe, Ermante Balboni, Francis Viscione—recommending that appointments be confirmed.

The reports were accepted, and the question came on confirmation. Committee, Councilors Keenan and Wenzler. Whole number of ballots 16; yeas 16, and the appointments were confirmed.

2. Report on appointment by the Mayor (referred October 25) of Thomas P. Donahue as Deputy Director of Veterans' Services—recommending that appointment be confirmed.

The report was accepted, and the question came on confirmation. The Clerk called the roll, and the appointment was confirmed, yeas 17, nays 0:

Yeas—Councilors Ansel, Beades, Bryan, Cantwell, Chase, Cook, Hannon, Hurley, Keenan, Kinsella, Lane, Lanigan, McCormack, Ramsey, Shanley, Wenzler, Yerxa—17.

Nays—0.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PARKMAN FUND.

Coun. LANE, for the Committee on Parkman Fund, submitted the following:

Report on message of Mayor and order (referred today) appropriating $38,000 from income of Parkman Fund to be expended under direction of the Park Commissioners—that same ought to pass.

The report was accepted, and the order was passed, yeas 17, nays 0:

Yeas—Councilors Ansel, Beades, Bryan, Cantwell, Chase, Cook, Hannon, Keenan, Kinsella, Lane, Lanigan, McCormack, Ramsey, Shanley, Tracy, Wenzler, Yerxa—17.

Nays—0.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LICENSES.

Coun. SHANLEY, for the Committee on Licenses, submitted the following:

Report on petitions (referred October 5) to operate bowling alleys on the Lord's day—recommending that following licenses be granted under usual conditions, viz:

Blue Hill Bowlaway, Samuel Epstein, 6 Livingstone street, Dorchester.

Boston Daylight Alleys, Antonio Botta, 107 Cambridge street.

Boston Recreation Company, Inc., John W. Shanley, Jr., President, 615 Washington street.

Charlestown Daylight Alleys, Robert J. Panette, 575 Rutherford avenue, Charlestown.

Codman Square Bowlaway, Harry F. Hamparian, 649 Washington street, Dorchester.

Columbia Billiard Co. Alleys, Nicholas J. Poulakis, 558 Columbia road, Dorchester.

Columbia Recreation, Joseph Rubbicco, 707 Columbia road, Dorchester.

Commonwealth Recreation Bowling Alleys, Joseph Grant, 1105 Commonwealth avenue, Brighton.

Charles R. Conley, 184 Dudley street, Roxbury.

Crawford Bowling Alleys, Victor N. Mochi, 15 Hanover street.

Eagle Bowling Alleys, Joseph Grant, 2235 Washington street, Roxbury.

Egleston Bowlaway, Arthur Iorio, 3182-3188 Washington street, Jamaica Plain.

Fields Corner Daylight Alleys, Inc., Joseph Bonigli, 289 Adams street, Dorchester.

German Workingmen's Association, Ernst Seemuller, 22 Amory avenue, Roxbury.

Hub Bowling Alley, Marie Kittrell, 216 Hanover street.

Huntington Alleys of Boston, Edward H. Margolis, 253A Huntington avenue.

Hyde Square Bowlaway, Arthur Iorio, 403 Centre street, Jamaica Plain.

Jamaica Bowlaway, Arthur Iorio, 702A Centre street, Jamaica Plain.

Johns, Margaret M., 1453 Dorchester avenue, Dorchester.

Kenmore Recreation, Inc., Tobias Wolbarst, 82 Lansdowne street.

Lee S. King, 466 and 468C Blue Hill avenue, Dorchester.

King Pin Alleys, Amos E. Cowan, 200 Huntington avenue.

Mattapan Bowladrome, Samuel Orren, 1348 Blue Hill avenue, Mattapan.

Maverick Garden Bowladrome, Leonard DiPietro, 2 Maverick square, East Boston.

Metropolitan Bowling Alleys, Jacob Koss, 35 Dore street.

Mount Pleasant Bowling and Billiards, John F. McLaughlin, 590 Dudley street, Dorchester.

Orient Palace Bowlaway, Thomas A. Sweeney, 983 Bennington street, East Boston.

Park Square Bowladrome, Inc., Joseph Bonigli, 162 Columbus avenue.

Pasquale Rubbicco, 448 West Broadway, South Boston.

South Station Bowling Alleys, Joseph Grant, 669 Atlantic avenue.

Strand Recreation Room, Amos E. Cowan, 716 East Broadway, South Boston.

Webster Bowling Alleys, Joseph Grant, 26 Taber street, Roxbury.

Report on petition (referred October 11) of Miah J. Murray, Inc., John F. Ierardi, 1156 Washington street, Ward 3, to operate bowling alleys on the Lord's day—recommending that license be granted under usual conditions.

Report on petitions (referred October 25) of Mattapan Square Bowling Alleys, Joseph V. Celli, 500 River street, Ward 18, and West Roxbury Bowling Center, Robert G. Ross, 119 Park street, Ward 20, to operate bowling alleys on the Lord's day—recommending that licenses be granted under usual conditions.

Report on petitions (referred today) of Arborway Bowlaway, George S. Binen, 1 Boynton street, Ward 11; Boylston Bowladrome, Inc., Morris Vigoda, 1260 Boylston street, Ward 5; German Educational Society, Gustave W. Priesing, 194 Heath street, Ward 10; Alvaro Mezzetti, basement, South Station, Ward 3; and North Station Bowling Alleys, Gene DeMarco, 222½ Friend street, Ward 3, to operate bowling alleys on the Lord's day—recommending that licenses be granted under usual conditions.

Reports severally accepted and licenses severally granted under usual conditions.

RESURFACING OF CERTAIN WARD 18 STREETS.

Coun. CANTWELL offered the following:
Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to resurface the following streets in Ward 18. Blake street, Washington street, Beech street, from Washington street to Poplar street, Readville street, Canterbury street, from Cummins Highway to Neponset avenue.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

ABATEMENT OF SOOT NUISANCE, BOSTON SANATORIUM.

Coun. CANTWELL offered the following:
Ordered, That the Trustees of the Boston City Hospital be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to take immediate steps to abate the soot nuisance at the Boston Sanatorium on River street, Mattapan, which has been causing considerable inconvenience to residents of the district.
Referred to Committee on Hospitals.

BOWDOIN SCHOOL PLAYGROUND.

Coun. YERXA offered the following:
Ordered, That the Corporation Counsel be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to draft a proper order transferring the care, custody, and control of the so-called Bowdoin School Playground on Myrtle street Ward 5, from the School Department to the Park Department.
Ordered, That the School Committee be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to officially authorize the Park Commission to use, occupy, and maintain the so-called Bowdoin School Playground on Myrtle street until such time as its care and custody is permanently transferred to the Park Department.
Severally passed under suspension of the rule.

SALARIES OF POLICEMEN ACTING AS DETECTIVES.

Coun. KEENAN offered the following:
Ordered, That the Police Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to take immediate steps to place all persons acting in the capacity of detective on the Boston police force on the same salary schedule.
Passed under suspension of the rule.
On motion of Councilor Keenan, the foregoing vote was reconsidered.
On further motion of Councilor Keenan, the order was referred to the Committee on Public Safety.

PENSIONS OF FIREMEN AND POLICEMEN RETIRED FOR ACCIDENTAL DISABILITY.

Coun. BRYAN and HANNON offered the following:
Resolved, That the City Council of Boston hereby favors the enactment of legislation to provide that the pensions of firemen and policemen hereafter retired for accidental disability under the Boston Retirement Act shall be based on the date of compensation at the time of retirement instead of the date of injury provided that such legislation includes a referendum to the Mayor and City Council.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

INCREASED ANNUITIES FOR WIDOWS OF FIREMEN AND POLICEMEN.

Couns. BRYAN and HANNON offered the following:
Resolved, That the City Council of Boston hereby favors the enactment of legislation to provide that the annuities payable to the widows of former firemen and policemen of the City of Boston under the provisions of any special law shall be increased to $1,200; provided that such legislation includes a referendum to the Mayor and City Council.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

PEDESTRIAN SIGNAL, RIVERDALE STREET AND WESTERN AVENUE.

Coun. SHANLEY offered the following:
Ordered, That the Boston Traffic Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to make a survey to determine the advisability of installing a pedestrian traffic light at the junction of Riverdale street and Western avenue, Ward 22.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

INSTALLATION OF ELECTRIC LIGHTS, WARD 14.

Coun. ANSEL offered the following:
Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to make a survey in cooperation with the Edison Electric Company for the purpose of determining procedure for the installation of electric lights throughout the Ward 14 section of Boston and to report the findings of said survey immediately.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

INSTALLATION OF STOP SIGNS, WARD 14.

Coun. ANSEL offered the following:
Ordered, That the Traffic Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to install stop signs at the following named locations:
Radcliffe and Harvard streets; Norwell and Harvard streets, both corners; Greenwood and Harvard streets.
Ordered, That the Traffic Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to place stop signs at Courtland road and Greendale road, in the Ward 14 section of Boston.
Severally passed under suspension of the rule.

HOUSING PROJECT IN WARD 14.

Coun. ANSEL offered the following:
Ordered, That the Boston Housing Authority be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to immediately make a survey for the securing of land and the constructing of a housing project in the Ward 14 section of Boston, to be done under the $200,000,000 state housing program.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

PARKING OF AUTOMOBILES ON DESIGNATED STREETS.

Coun. RAMSEY offered the following:
Ordered, That the Police Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to instruct the captains in the various divisions to allow the parking of automobiles on designated streets within their district where no garage or parking space is available.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

PARKING AREA, CEDAR GROVE SECTION OF DORCHESTER.

Coun. BEADES and KEENAN offered the following:
Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to ask the Trustees of the Metropolitan Transit Authority to refrain from establishing a parking area in the Cedar Grove section of Dorchester until such time as the residents of that area have been given an opportunity to be heard; and be it further
Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor request the said Trustees to hold a public hearing in order that these residents may express their views on the matter.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

PAYMENT TO CITY FROM GASOLINE TAX, ETC.

Coun. BEADES offered the following:
Whereas, The State highway fund is obtained mainly from the gasoline tax and money received for the registration of motor vehicles; and
Whereas, Residents of the City of Boston are the largest single contributors to this fund; therefore be it
Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor request his legislative counsel to confer with the newly elected governor in order to draft legislation for presentation to the General Court so that the City of Boston might receive a just and equitable return from this fund, which moneys could be used for the repair of streets in the city.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

TRAFFIC LIGHT NEAR 488 NEPONSET AVENUE.

Coun. BEADES offered the following:
Ordered, That the Metropolitan District Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to install a traffic light at approximately 488 Neponset avenue, which location is under their jurisdiction, so that pedestrians may be able to cross this heavily-traveled thoroughfare in safety.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

MORE PLAY AREAS FOR CHILDREN.

Coun. LANIGAN offered the following:
Ordered, That the City Planning Board be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to make a study with a view to providing more play areas for children in the West, South, and North Ends of Boston.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

OPENING OF SCHOOLYARDS DURING SUMMER OF 1949.

Coun. CHASE offered the following:
Ordered, That the Boston School Committe be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to include sufficient money in their 1949 budget to have all schoolyards opened during the summer of 1949 as supervised playgrounds for the children.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

TELEVISION SETS FOR SANATORIUM SHUT-INS.

Coun. SHANLEY offered the following:
Ordered, That the Trustees of the Boston City Hospital be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to install television sets for the entertainment of the shut-ins at the Boston Sanatorium.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

SIDEWALKS ON P STREET, SOUTH BOSTON.

Coun. WENZLER offered the following:
Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to install cement sidewalks on P street, from First street to Columbia road, South Boston.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

NAMING OF WALTER S. GODINHO SQUARE.

Coun. WENZLER and LINEHAN offered the following:
Ordered, That the Committee on Naming Squares be requested to name the junction of East Eighth and I streets, South Boston, the Walter S. Godinho Square, in honor of this veteran who died in a Jap prison on July 18, 1942.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

RECESS.

On motion of Councilor Chase, the Council voted to take a recess at 3.42 p. m., subject to the call of the Chair. The members reassembled and were called to order by President HANNON at 4.30 p. m.

LIBRARY FACILITIES, EGLESTON SQUARE SECTION.

Coun. TRACY offered the following:
Ordered, That the Trustees of the Boston Public Library be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to establish library facilities in the Egleston square section of Ward 11.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

INSTALLATION OF TRAFFIC SIGNALS, WARD 11.

Coun. TRACY offered the following:
Ordered, That the Traffic Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to install automatic traffic signals at the intersection of Washington street, McBride street, and Rossmore road, in Ward 11.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

BRANCH LIBRARY, FOREST HILLS.

Coun. McCORMACK offered the following:
Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor request the Trustees of the Boston Public Library to include in their 1949 budget a sum sufficient to establish a branch library in the vicinity of Forest Hills, Ward 19.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

INSTALLATION OF TRAFFIC SIGNALS, WARD 8.

Coun. HURLEY offered the following:
Ordered, That the Traffic Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to install automatic traffic signals at the following locations in Ward 8:
Harrison avenue and Brookline street; Harrison avenue and Dedham street.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

MANHOLE COVER EXPLOSIONS.

Coun. BEADES offered the following:
Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to immediately contact the State Commissioner of Public Safety and the Fire Commissioner of the City of Boston, asking them to take immediate steps to investigate manhole cover explosions within the City of Boston and having them determine from the public utility companies, whose lines run through these manholes, just what has been done and how far their research has gone towards preventing these explosions.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Coun. McCORMACK, for the Executive Committee, submitted the following:
1. Report on message of Mayor and order (referred today) *re* accumulation of sick leave allowances—that same ought to pass.
Report accepted; said order passed.
2. Report on message of Mayor and orders (referred today): (1) order rescinding grant of $96,132 to Boston Housing Authority, and (2) order making grant from Reserve Fund of $84,554.92— that same ought to pass.
3. Report on message of Mayor and order (referred today) appropriating $6,540.90 from revenue received from parking meter fees to be expended by Police Commissioner for purchase of motorcycles to be used for supervision of use of parking meters—that same ought to pass.

4. Report on message of Mayor and order (referred today) appropriating $1,500 from Contingent Fund for operating expenses of Board of Zoning Adjustment—that same ought to pass.

5. Report on message of Mayor and orders (referred today) for transfers of appropriations—that same ought to pass.

The reports were accepted, and the question came on the passage of the several orders, and the orders were severally passed, yeas 12, nays 0:

Yeas—Councilors Beades, Bryan, Chase, Hannon, Keenan, Lane, Lanigan, Linehan, McCormack, Ramsey, Shanley, Wenzler—12.

Nays—0.

On motion of Councilor Beades, the Council adjourned at 4.45 p. m., to meet on Monday, November 15, 1948.

Note: All debate of City Council eliminated from proceedings in accordance with Chapter 447, Acts of 1947.

(Stenographic copy of such debate on file in office of City Clerk.)

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of City Council.

Monday, November 15, 1948.

Regular meeting of the City Council held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 2 p. m., President HANNON in the chair. Absent, Councilor Carey.

The meeting was opened with the salute to the Flag.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR.

Subject to confirmation by the Council, the Mayor submitted the following appointments:

Constables, authorized to serve civil process upon filing of bond, for term ending April 30, 1949: Frank A. Roche, 20 Lexington street, Boston, Mass.; Louis Yacker, 1063 Blue Hill avenue, Dorchester, Mass.

Constable, not authorized to serve civil process, and to serve without bond, for term ending April 30, 1949, *vice* Daniel Daly: Leo P. Marshall, 4 Dudley place, Roxbury, Mass.

Weighers of Goods, for term ending April 30, 1949: Clifford L. Scnnott, 535 La Grange street, West Roxbury, Mass.; George E. White, 71 Boston street, Somerville, Mass.

Severally referred to Committee on Confirmations.

FULL COMPENSATION TO MOTHERS OF DEPENDENT CHILDREN.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, November 15, 1948.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Overseers of the Public Welfare, concerning your order of October 25, 1948, regarding the taking of necessary steps to insure that every mother receiving aid to dependent children receive each week the full compensation allotted under her budget requirements, regardless of any outside rulings.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Overseers of Public Welfare,
November 10, 1948.

Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.
Attention of Mr. Gilligan.
Dear Sir:

This department has received the order of the City Council passed on October 25, 1948, which reads as follows:

"Ordered, That the Overseers of the Public Welfare Department confer with the Law Department relative to necessary steps to be taken to insure that every mother receiving aid to dependent children receive each week the full compensation allotted under her budget requirements, regardless of any outside rulings."

The Committee on Aid to Dependent Children of the Board of Overseers of the Public Welfare will take this matter up at the meeting to be held on Monday, November 15, 1948, and present their recommendation to the Board, and I shall advise you of the Board's action.

Very truly yours,
LOUIS P. LEONARD, Chairman.

Placed on file.

NAMING OF JUNCTIONS IN HONOR OF DECEASED VETERANS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, November 9, 1948.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Committee to Memorialize Veterans relative to City Council orders dated October 18, 1948, requesting that the junction of Huckins street and Blue Hill avenue be named in honor of Harry Aronian; that the junction of Woodward avenue and Dudley street be named in honor of George D. Foley, and that the junction of Dennis and Dudley streets be named in honor of Giovanni B. Conti.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Street Laying-Out Department,
November 8, 1948.

Mr. Lawrence P. Gilligan,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Sir:

I acknowledge for the Chairman of the Committee to Memorialize Veterans, receipt of three orders introduced by Councilor William F. Hurley, requesting the junction of Huckins street and Blue Hill avenue be named in honor of Harry Aronian; that the junction of Woodward avenue and Dudley street be named in honor of George D. Foley and that the junction of Dennis and Dudley streets, all in Ward 8, be named in honor of Giovanni B. Conti.

Please be advised that the next meeting of this committee will not be held until April or May of 1949, at which time these requests will be given consideration.

Very truly yours,
LAWRENCE W. COSTELLO, Secretary.

Placed on file.

REDUCTION OF PARKING METER RATES IN OUTLYING DISTRICTS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, November 12, 1948.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Traffic Commissioner relative to your order of October 25, 1948, concerning the reduction of the rate on parking meters from 5 cents to 1 cent per hour in the districts outside downtown Boston.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Boston Traffic Commission.
November 5, 1948.

Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.
Dear Sir:

This department has received the order of the City Council dated October 25, 1948, which reads as follows:

"Ordered, That the Traffic Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to immediately take steps to reduce the rate on parking meters from 5 cents to 1 cent per hour in the districts outside of downtown Boston."

Regarding the above, please be advised that this matter will be taken up at the next regular meeting of the Boston Traffic Commission.

Respectfully submitted,
LEO F. CURLEY, Commissioner.

Placed on file.

APPROPRIATION FOR PRINTING DEPARTMENT.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, November 15, 1948.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I am in receipt of the attached request from the Superintendent of Printing for an additional appropriation of $34,400, necessary to provide sufficient funds for permanent employees necessitated by the granting of increases in Trade Union Scale of Wages, an increase in the cost of paper stock and materials, and to pay disability pensions for two employees.

In compliance with this request there is forwarded herewith an order providing for the appropriation of $34,400 from the income of the Printing Department, and I recommend consideration and adoption of this order by your Honorable Body.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Printing Department, November 9, 1948.
To the Mayor of Boston.
Sir:
In accordance with the provisions of section 3B of the amended City Charter and for the reasons as below explained, approval is requested for the following transfer of appropriations.

JOHN J. TWOMEY,
Superintendent.

From the appropriation for 1948 Anticipated Revenue, $34,400, to the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, $10,500, E-13, Miscellaneous Materials, $21,000, F-7, Pensions and Annuities, $2,900.

This transfer is necessary in order to provide sufficient funds for the balance of the year for the following purposes:

A-1, Permanent Employees, necessitated by granting an increase in Trade Union Scale of Wages.

E-13, Miscellaneous Materials, due to an increase in the cost of paper stock and materials.

F-7, Pensions and Annuities, needed to pay veterans' disability pensions for two employees.

Ordered, That to meet the current expenses payable during the financial year beginning with the first day of January, 1948, an additional sum of $34,400, be, and the same hereby is, appropriated from the income of the Printing Department for the following purposes:

PRINTING DEPARTMENT.

A-1, Permanent Employees	$10,500
E-13, Miscellaneous Materials	$21,000
F-7, Pensions and Annuities	$2,900

Referred to the Executive Committee.

APPROPRIATION FOR COLLECTING DEPARTMENT, WATER DIVISION.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, November 15, 1948.
To the City Council.
Gentlemen:
I am in receipt of the attached request from City Collector Donovan for an additional appropriation of $6,000 to provide sufficient funds for the payment of the wages of the temporary employees connected with the Water Division of the Collecting Department.

In compliance with this request, there is forwarded herewith and order providing for the appropriation of $6,000 from the income of the Water Service of the Public Works Department to be expended by the City Collector, and I recommend consideration and adoption of this order by your Honorable Body.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Collecting Department, November 15, 1948.
To the Mayor of Boston.
Sir:
In accordance with the provisions of section 3B of the amended City Charter and for reasons as below explained, approval is requested for the following transfer of appropriations.

DANIEL F. DONOVAN.

From the appropriation for Available Sources, $6,000, to the appropriation for A-2, Temporary Employees, $6,000.

It is necessary, due to the increase in temporary employees' salaries because of cost of living increases, to request additional funds from available sources of $6,000. Furthermore, the late season work required handling of water bills, added to 1948 tax bills which were late, and the regular water bills which were sent to the collector's office for two-month periods instead of three-month periods by the Water Department. For example, water bills were sent in September, and again in November so that the additional help must be retained to complete our business until the end of the year.

Ordered, That to meet the current expenses payable during the financial year beginning with the first day of January, 1948, an additional sum of $6,000 be, and the same hereby is, appropriated from the income of the Water Service of the Public Works Department, to be expended by the City Collector for the following purpose:

COLLECTING DEPARTMENT, WATER DIVISION.

A2, Temporary Employees	$6,000

Referred to the Executive Committee.

TRANSFERS OF APPROPRIATIONS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, November 15, 1948.
To the City Council.
Gentlemen:
The enclosed request for transfers of appropriations, together with the accompanying orders, is forwarded for consideration and adoption by your Honorable Body.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Ordered, That in accordance with the provisions of section 3B of chapter 486 of the Acts of 1909, as amended by chapter 604 of the Acts of 1941, the City Auditor be, and hereby is, authorized to transfer:

From the appropriation for Board of Examiners, D-1, Office, $115, to the appropriation for Board of Examiners, A-1, Permanent Employees, $115.

Ordered, That in accordance with the provisions of section 3B of chapter 486 of the Acts of 1909, as amended by chapter 604 of the Acts of 1941, the City Auditor be, and hereby is, authorized to transfer:

From the appropriation for Institutions Department, Long Island Hospital, A-1, Permanent Employees, $325, to the appropriation for Institutions Department, Central Office, D-1, Office, $325.

Ordered, That in accordance with the provisions of section 3B of chapter 486 of the Acts of 1909, as amended by chapter 604 of the Acts of 1941, the City Auditor be, and hereby is, authorized to transfer:

From the appropriation for Institutions Department, Steamers, C-11, Marine, $500, to the appropriation for Institutions Department, Steamers, A-2, Temporary Employees, $500.

Ordered, That in accordance with the provisions of section 3B of chapter 486 of the Acts of 1909, as amended by chapter 604 of the Acts of 1941, the City Auditor be, and hereby is, authorized to transfer:

From the appropriation for Board of Real Estate Commissioners, B-39, General Repairs, $4,000, to the appropriation for Collecting Department, D-1, Office, $4,000.

Ordered, That in accordance with the provisions of section 3B of chapter 486 of the Acts of 1909, as amended by chapter 604 of the Acts of 1941, the City Auditor be, and hereby is, authorized to transfer:

From the appropriation for Board of Real Estate Commissioners, B-3, Advertising and Posting, $350, to the appropriation for Public Buildings Department, Market Division, D-3, Fuel, $350.

Ordered, That in accordance with the provisions of section 3B of chapter 486 of the Acts of 1909, as amended by chapter 604 of the Acts of 1941, the City Auditor be, and hereby is, authorized to transfer:

From the appropriation for Special Appropriations, Reserve Fund, $14,992.33, to the appropriation for Assessing Department, A-1, Permanent Employees, $1,016.71, A-2, Temporary Employees, $6,975.62, A-3, Unassigned, $7,000.

Ordered, That in accordance with the provisions of section 3B of chapter 486 of the Acts of 1909, as amended by chapter 604 of the Acts of 1941, the City Auditor be, and hereby is, authorized to transfer:

From the appropriation for Special Appropriations, Jail Improvements, $9,350.10, to the appropriation for Jail, B-4, Transportation of Persons, $1.10, B-8, Light, Heat and Power, $700, B-13, Communication, $100, B-14, Motor Vehicle Repairs and Care, $150, B-22, Medical, $350, B-35, Fees, Service of Venires, etc., $4, C-10,

Library, $20, C–13, Tools and Instruments, $100, C–16, Wearing Apparel, $300, D–2, Food, $4,000, D–3, Fuel, $2,000, D–5, Medical, Surgical, Laboratory, $150, D–8, Laundry, Cleaning, Toilet, $500, D–9, Educational and Recreational, $100, D–13, Chemicals and Disinfectants, $75, D–15, Tobacco, $75, D–16, Miscellaneous Supplies, $100, F–7, Pensions and Annuities, $625.

Ordered, That in accordance with the provisions of section 3B of chapter 486 of the Acts of 1909, as amended by chapter 604 of the Acts of 1941, the City Auditor be, and hereby is, authorized to transfer:

From the appropriation for County Buildings, A–1, Permanent Employees, $9,000, to the appropriation for Public Buildings Department, A–1, Permanent Employees, $4,000, A–2, Temporary Employees, $3,000, A–3, Unassigned, $1,000, F–11, Workmen's Compensation, $1,000.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received and referred to the committees named, viz.:

Claims.

Elmer E. Bailey, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at 474 West Broadway.

Katherine J. Drummey, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at 21–31 Logan Way.

Francis J. Gilday, to be reimbursed as result of accident which occurred while in performance of duty.

Marie Larow, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at 11 and 11½ Union Park street.

George M. Neill, to be reimbursed for execution issued against him.

William E. Phillips, to be reimbursed as result of accident which occurred while in performance of duty.

Marian Prouty, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at Thatcher street, Hyde Park.

Edward Scott, for compensation for injuries and damage to property by city truck.

Beatrice Shambad, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in Morton street.

Charles C. Spagnola, for compensation for injuries and damage to car by fire apparatus.

Margaret Sullivan, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in Harvard street.

W. Ray Taplin, for compensation for damage to car caused by an alleged defect in Columbia Circle.

Alice M. Weber, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in Causeway street.

Executive.

Petition of Minnie M. Craig, to be paid annuity on account of death of her husband, John P. O. Craig, late member of the Fire Department.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR.

Notices were received from the Mayor of the following appointments, viz.:

Frank Gainsboro, 221 Chestnut Hill avenue, Brighton, as member of Board of Commissioners of School Buildings for term ending December 1, 1950.

Phillip E. Lieberman, 26 North Anderson street, Boston, as member of Board of Trustees of Statistics Department, for term ending April 30, 1952.

C. Clark Macomber, 19 Milk street, as member of Board of Zoning Adjustment, *vice* Elliot N. Jones, deceased, for term ending April 30, 1951.

Severally placed on file.

TRACK LOCATION, GRANITE STREET, SOUTH BOSTON.

Notice was received from the Board of Street Commissioners of granting of petition of Irving M. Sobin Company, Inc., for track location across Granite street, South Boston.

Placed on file.

APPROVAL OF STATE BOARD OF HOUSING.

Notice was received from the State Board of Housing of approval of expenditure of $5,737.50 by Boston Housing Authority for rock excavation on Lot 31 at River Street (36) Veterans' Housing Project, Mattapan.

Placed on file.

NOTICE OF HEARING.

Notice was received from the Department of Public Utilities of hearing to be held on November 29 at 10 a. m. on petition of Metropolitan Transit Authority for license to operate motor vehicles between a point on Old Colony avenue near the southerly end of Old Harbor Village and junction of N and West Third streets, South Boston, over Old Colony avenue, Dorchester avenue, and B street; return over West Third street, D street, and Old Colony avenue.

Placed on file.

ASSIGNMENT OF JUDGE.

Notice was received from the Clerk of the Supreme Judicial Court of assignment of Hon. F. Anthony Hanlon to serve on Administrative Committee of the Probate Courts, beginning November 3, 1948, and expiring September 30, 1950.

Placed on file.

ANNUITIES TO BENEFICIARIES OF POLICEMEN AND FIREMEN.

Coun. HANNON and BRYAN offered the following:

Ordered, That it be, and hereby is, determined that, effective as of the date of the acceptance of section 89A of chapter 32 of the General Laws as inserted by chapter 552 of the Acts of 1948, the amount of all annuities paid by the City of Boston under said section 89A to beneficiaries of policemen and firemen heretofore determined to have been killed, or to have died from injuries received or hazards undergone, in the performance of duty shall be the maximum amount authorized by said section for the particular case.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

LISTING OF VACANT APARTMENTS.

Coun. COOK offered the following:

Ordered, That the Board of Assessors and such other departments as are necessary be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to make a list of all apartment houses and homes having vacant apartments.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

VETERANS' HOUSING IN WEST, SOUTH, AND NORTH ENDS.

Coun. LANIGAN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Boston Housing Authority be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to erect housing projects for veterans in the West End, South End, and North End under the provisions of chapter 200 of the Acts of 1948.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

NAMING OF JUNCTION IN HONOR OF KENNETH I. ROSE.

Coun. ANSEL offered the following:

Ordered, That the Committee on Naming Squares be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to name the junction of Glenway street and Blue Hill avenue in memory of Pvt. Kenneth I. Rose, killed in the European theater of operations.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

STOP SIGNS AT BALLOU AVENUE AND WILLOWWOOD STREET.

Coun. ANSEL offered the following:
Ordered, That the Traffic Commission be directed, through his Honor the Mayor, to place stop signs at Ballou avenue and Willowwood street, said signs to be placed on the Ballou avenue side.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

CLEAN-UP CAMPAIGN OF STREETS, WARD 14.

Coun. ANSEL offered the following:
Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to start a clean-up campaign of streets throughout the Ward 14 section of Boston.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

FLOODLIGHTS ON CHRISTOPHER LEE PLAYGROUND.

Coun. WENZLER offered the following:
Ordered, That the Boston Park Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to install floodlights on the Christopher Lee Playground, M and Second streets, Ward 6.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

NAMING OF JUNCTIONS FOR DECEASED VETERANS.

Coun. WENZLER offered the following:
Ordered, That the Committee on Naming Squares be requested to call the junction of Fourth and M streets, Ward 6, Lieut. Walter T. Hannigan Square, in honor of this young man who was killed in action on September 2, 1943.
Ordered, That the Committee on Naming Squares be requested to name the junction of P street and Broadway, Ward 6, Corp. Richard V. Mooney Square, in honor of this veteran who was killed in action at Okinawa on May 19, 1944.
Severally passed under suspension of the rule.

NIGHT PARKING IN MEETING HOUSE HILL SECTION.

Coun. RAMSEY offered the following:
Ordered, That the Traffic Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to issue orders to permit night parking in the Meeting House Hill section of Boston and in such other sections where garage facilities are inadequate.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

REPLACING OF GAS LAMPS, WARD 11.

Coun. TRACY offered the following:
Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to immediately replace the gas lamps on Rossmore road and Williams street, in the Jamaica Plain section of Ward 11, and on side streets in the vicinity, with modern electric lights.
Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to immediately replace the gas lamps on Westminster avenue and Walnut park, in the Roxbury section of Ward 11, and on side streets in the vicinity, with modern electric lights.
Severally passed under suspension of the rule.

INVESTIGATION OF CONDITIONS IN ROOMING HOUSES AND REST HOMES.

Coun. KEENAN offered the following:
Ordered, That the Police Commissioner and Overseers of Public Welfare be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to investigate conditions in rooming houses and rest homes where recipients of Old Age Assistance are housed, particularly with reference to meals and lodging.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

AUTOMATIC TRAFFIC SIGNALS, WARD 20.

Coun. BRYAN offered the following:
Ordered, That the Traffic Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to install automatic traffic signals at the corner of Manthorne road and Centre street, Ward 20.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

COMMENDATION OF POLICE OFFICERS CASEY AND KILLEN.

Coun. LANE offered the following:
Resolved, That the Boston City Council, in meeting assembled, desires to highly commend Police Officers Francis Casey and George Killen, attached to Station 14, for their heroic action in risking their lives in connection with a store holdup in the Brighton district on Friday evening, November 12, and to extend its commendation to the Police Commissioner for his promptness in rewarding such heroic action by promoting these officers to the rank of detective.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

LEGALITY OF PINBALL MACHINES.

Coun. BEADES offered the following:
Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to consult with the Corporation Counsel for the purpose of determining whether the city has the right to license pinball machines which have now been declared illegal by a ruling of the Massachusetts Supreme Court handed down on November 3, 1948.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

LEGISLATION RE BANNING OF COMIC BOOKS DETRIMENTAL TO CHILDREN.

Coun. RAMSEY offered the following:
Ordered, That the Corporation Counsel be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to draft legislation for presentation to the General Court banning certain comic books which are detrimental to our growing children.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

USE OF SCHOOL LAND, WARD 22, FOR PARKING PURPOSES.

Coun. SHANLEY offered the following:
Ordered, That the Boston School Committee be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to permit the use of the land between Lothrop street and Waverly avenue, Ward 22, for the parking of cars during the winter months, to alleviate the scarcity of garages and to eliminate the parking of cars on Waverly avenue and Lothrop street.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

TRAFFIC SIGNALS, HOLTON AND EVERETT STREETS.

Coun. SHANLEY offered the following:
Ordered, That the Traffic Commission be requesed, through his Honor the Mayor, to install traffic signal lights at the corner of Holton and Everett streets, Ward 22.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONFIRMATIONS.

Coun. ANSEL, for the Committee on Confirmations, submitted the following:
Report on appointment by the Mayor (referred November 8) of Hyman Sandler, to be Constable, authorized to serve civil process upon filing of bond, for term ending April 30, 1949—recommending confirmation of appointment.
Report on appointment by the Mayor (referred November 8) of Lillian Stone, to be Weigher of Coal for term ending April 30, 1949—recommending confirmation of appointment.

The reports were accepted, and the question came on confirmation. Committee, Councilors Keenan and Lanigan. Whole number of ballots 15, yeas 15, and the appointments were confirmed.

RECESS.

On motion of Councilor Wenzler, the Council voted to take a recess at 2.35 p. m., subject to the call of the Chair. The members reassembled and were called to order by President HANNON at 3.22 p. m.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Coun. McCORMACK, for the Executive Committee, submitted the following:

1. Report on message of Mayor and order (referred today) that $6,000 be appropriated from income of Water Service, Public Works Department, to be expended by Collecting Department, Water Division, Temporary Employees—that same ought to pass.
2. Report on message of Mayor and order (referred today) that $34,400 be appropriated from income of Printing Department to the Printing Department—that same ought to pass.
3. Report on message of Mayor nad orders (referred today) for transfers of appropriations—recommending that the orders, with the exception of the order for transfer of $9,000 to Public Buildings Department, ought to pass.

The reports were accepted, and the orders, with the exception of the order for transfer of $9,000 to Public Buildings Department were severally passed, yeas 16, nays 0.

Yeas—Councilors Ansel, Bryan, Chase, Cook, Hannon, Hurley, Keenan, Kinsella, Lane, Lanigan, Linehan, McCormack, Ramsey, Shanley, Wensler, Yerxa—16.

Nays—0.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY.

Coun. KEENAN, for the Committee on Public Safety, submitted the following:

Report on order (referred November 8) that Police Commissioner be requested to place all persons acting in capacity of detective on police force on same salary schedule — that same ought to pass.

The report was accepted, and the question came on the passage of the order. The order was rejected.

SAFETY DEVICE IN MANHOLES.

Coun. SHANLEY offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to confer with officials of the various public utilities companies for the purpose of having some kind of a safety device installed in their manholes throughout the city in order that the lives and safety of the public may be protected from further manhole explosions.

Referred to Committee on Public Safety.

ERECTION OF MEMORIAL AUDITORIUM AND CONVENTION HALL BY STATE.

Coun. LINEHAN and COOK offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor direct the Corporation Counsel for the City of Boston to prepare and file a bill in the coming session of the Massachusetts Legislature calling for the construction by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts of a $5,000,000 combination World War I and II memorial auditorium and convention hall in the City of Boston for the purpose of housing the various state departments of war veterans and that suitable plaques containing the names of those veterans who were killed in the armed forces of the United States be erected on the walls of said auditorium. Said auditorium convention hall shall be available not only for the purpose of conducting veterans affairs, but also for the purpose of conducting other civic activities so that large conventions may be held therein.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

TRAFFIC SIGNAL, CITY HOSPITAL PARKING AREA.

Coun. HURLEY and SULLIVAN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Traffic Commission be requested through his Honor the Mayor, to install an automatic traffic signal at the entrance to the parking area on the City Hospital grounds on Albany street, alongside the gate lodge, said traffic light to synchronize with the light at the corner of Massachusetts avenue and Albany street.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

On motion of Councilor Ansel, the Council voted to adjourn at 4.25 p. m. to meet on Monday, November 22, 1948, at 2 p. m.

Note: All debate of City Council eliminated from proceedings in accordance with Chapter 447, Acts of 1947.

(Stenographic copy of such debate on file in office of City Clerk.)

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of City Council.

SPECIAL MEETING.

Thursday, November 18, 1948.

Special meeting of the City Council held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 1 p. m., President HANNON in the chair. Absent, Councilors Cantwell, Carey, Keenan, Lane, Ramsey, Tracy, and Yerxa.

The meeting was opened with the salute to the Flag.

The meeting was held in pursuance to the following call:

City of Boston,
Office of the City Clerk,
November 17, 1948.

A special meeting of the City Council will be held in its Chamber, City Hall, on Thursday, November 18, 1948, at one o'clock p. m.

By order of the court.

J. B. HYNES,
City Clerk.

Subject: To draw jurors.

Placed on file.

JURORS DRAWN.

Jurors were drawn, Councilor McCormack presiding at the box in the absence of the Mayor, as follows:

One hundred additional traverse jurors, Superior Criminal Court, to appear November 29, 1948:

Patsey Arbia, Ward 1; Morris A. Cooper, Ward 1; Charles DiStefano, Ward 1; Michael LaPia, Ward 1; Lawrence A. Lemos, Ward 1; Emilio H. Smaldone, Ward 1; John J. Connors, Ward 2; Charles Cousens, Ward 2; Arthur Dolan, Ward 3; Manuel Reale, Ward 3; Pasquale Ricciardi, Ward 3; A. Clarke Walling, Ward 3; David J. Longden, Ward 4; Leon W. Wilson, Ward 4; Roy S. Christie, Ward 5; Bernard P. L. Royal, Ward 5; John J. Allen, Ward 6; Anthony Baio, Ward 6; James J. Lynch, Ward 6; John C. O'Connor, Jr., Ward 6; Charles D. Bothwell, Ward 7; Edward B. Cotton, Ward 7; Alvin E. Fisher, Ward 7; Joseph V. King, Ward 7; John J. Krauss, Ward 7; Charles J. Shea, Ward 7; William P. Whittaker, Ward 7; Eugene P. Irwin, Ward 8; Ernest J. Munroe, Ward 8; Frederick P. Perkins, Ward 8; Leo P. Sansone, Ward 8; David Burns, Ward 9; Hugh G. Ross, Ward 9; Michael J. Sullivan, Ward 9; Francis X. Kreckler, Ward 10; Jeremiah J. Mulcahy, Ward 10; Clifford F. Dykens, Ward 11; William A. Wilke, Ward 11; Clarence Daniels, Ward 12; Meyer S. Gordon, Ward 12; John F. Magennis, Ward 12; Charles Wagner, Ward 12; John Catenacci, Ward 13; William T. Driscoll, Ward 13; George F. Kelley, Ward 13; Joseph G. Kelley, Ward 13; James A. Mahoney, Ward 13; Walter Niemyski, Ward 13; Albert C. Richards, Ward 13; Francis L. Talbot, Ward 13; John Toland, Ward 13; Lawrence E. Toomey, Ward 13; Francis Black, Ward 14; Mitchell Grant, Ward 14; Abraham M. Hecht, Ward 14; George P. Johanson, Ward 14; Edward Miselman, Ward 14; Maurice S. Cashman, Ward 15; John H. Flynn, Ward 15; Samuel George, Ward 15; Edward Sutherland, Ward 15.

John L. Cripps, Ward 16; John G. Crowley, Ward 16; William J. Devereaux, Ward 16; Edward W. Doftort, Ward 16; Thomas F. Garrity, Ward 16; Wilfred P. Hoganson, Ward 16; John J. Hughes, Ward 16; William J. Murphy, Ward 16; John F. Stone, Ward 16; Charles G. Talanian, Ward 16; Walter Diotte, Ward 17; James L. Donovan, Ward 17; Francis P. Fuhs, Ward 17; Arthur Garrity, Ward 17; John Welch, Ward 17; William G. Cranshaw, Ward 18; Maurice E. Downey, Ward 18; James Hays, Ward 18; Louis W. Rheaume, Ward 18; William H. Yule, Ward 18; John Connolly, Ward 19; John F. Fitzgerald, Ward 19; Owen H. Hood, Ward 19; Harold A. Cella, Ward 20; Thomas Hourihan, Ward 20; Harry A. Otto, Ward 20; Lawrence W. Ryan, Ward 20; William H. Telford, Ward 20; James E. Watson, Ward 20; Henry J. Anderson, Ward 21; Edward F. Bernson, Ward 21; Lewis E. Freedson, Ward 21; Robert W. Hayward, Ward 21; William W. Howe, Ward 21; Alvin C. Joseph, Ward 21; William S. Leavitt, Ward 21; Samuel Mover, Ward 21; Franklin B. Murphy, Ward 21; Joseph H. Diggins, Ward 22.

The purpose for which this meeting was called having been accomplished, the Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 1.30 p. m.

Note: All debate of City Council eliminated from proceedings in accordance with Chapter 447, Acts of 1947.

(Stenographic copy of such debate on file in office of City Clerk.)

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of City Council.

Monday, November 22, 1948.

Regular meeting of the City Council held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 2 p. m., President HANNON in the chair. Absent, Councilor Carey.

The meeting was opened with the salute to the Flag.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR.

Subject to confirmation by the Council, the Mayor submitted the following appointments:

Weighers of Goods, for term ending April 30, 1949: Gerald D. Thurston, 141 Washington street, Islington, Mass.; James F. Kiely, 16 Stafford street, East Dedham, Mass.; Percy W. Goodwin, 69 Perham street, West Roxbury, Mass.

Weigher of Coal, for term ending April 30, 1949: Sarah Tucker, 169 Columbia road, Dorchester.

Severally referred to Committee on Confirmations.

APPROPRIATION FOR UNITED STATES SAVINGS BOND ALLOTMENT PLAN.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, November 18, 1948.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

For the past six years, at the request of officials of the United States Treasury Department, the city has been making payroll deductions for the purchase of United States Savings Bonds. During this period, over $4,000,000 has been deducted from salaries of city and county employees for that purpose. Eight thousand employees are still buying bonds of their government under this plan.

The officials of the United States Treasury Department have urged the continuance of this plan for an indefinite period. It is desirable, in my opinion, to continue to cooperate with the federal government in this worth-while program.

I therefore submit herewith an appropriation order for the continuance for another year of the unit responsible for the handling of these payroll deductions, and respectfully recommend adoption of this order by your Honorable Body.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Ordered, That the sum of thirty-five thousand dollars ($35,000) be, and the same hereby is, appropriated, to be expended under the direction of the Mayor, as administrative expenses in connection with the United States Savings Bond Allotment Plan, said sum to be charged to the Contingent Fund when made.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

"SLOW" SIGN, NORTHBOURNE ROAD, WARD 19.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, November 18, 1948.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Traffic Commission, relative to your order of October 18, 1948, concerning the installation of a "Slow" sign on Northbourne road, Jamaica Plain, near the Seaver School, in Ward 19.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Traffic Commission, November 17, 1948.

Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.
Dear Sir:

Further referring to my letter of October 27, 1948, concerning Council order dated October 18, 1948, which reads as follows:

"Ordered, That the Traffic Commission be requested through his Honor the Mayor, to install a 'Slow' sign on Northbourne road, Jamaica Plain, near the Seaver School, in Ward 19,"

I have issued orders that a "Slow" sign be erected in Northbourne road, south side, opposite Herbertson road.

Respectfully submitted,
LEO F. CURLEY, Commissioner.

Placed on file.

MANHOLE COVER EXPLOSIONS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, November 22, 1948.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Department of Public Safety, concerning your order of November 8, 1948, regarding investigation of manhole cover explosions in the City of Boston.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts,
Department of Public Safety,
November 19, 1948.

Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.
Attention: Lawrence P. Gilligan, Chief Clerk.
Dear Sir:

With reference to your communication of November 12, 1948, re the subject of Council order of November 8, 1948, which is an order passed by the Honorable City Council that his Honor the Mayor be requested to immediately contact the State Commissioner of Public Safety and the Fire Commissioner of the City of Boston asking them to take immediate steps to investigate manhole cover explosions, please be advised that chapter 74, Acts of 1948, approved June 11, 1948, provided for increasing the scope of the investigation and study to be made by the Special Commission relative to the laws pertaining to the safety of persons in buildings to include an investigation of the current prevalence of fires, dangerous explosions, and similar hazards in the Metropolitan area of the City of Boston.

A subcommittee of the Special Commission created under chapter 74 of the Acts of 1948, is to report to the full committee in Room 450, State House, Boston, on December 2, 1948, at 1.30 p. m. I would therefore suggest the advisability of your communicating with Senator Ralph V. Clampit, Chairman of the Special Commission, so that representatives of the City of Boston may be present at this meeting, which I understand may be an executive session, so that the information obtained from the subcommittee may be available to the Honorable City Council.

I am enclosing herewith, for your information, a photostatic copy of the Resolve.

Respectfully,
JOHN F. STOKES, Commissioner.

CHAPTER 74.

Resolve increasing the scope of the investigation and study to be made by the Special Commission relative to the laws pertaining to the safety of persons in buildings to include an investigation of the current prevalence of fires, dangerous explosions, and similar hazards in the Metropolitan area of the City of Boston.

Resolved, That the unpaid Special Commission, established by chapter sixty-seven of the Resolves of nineteen hundred and forty-three and most recently revived and continued by chapter twenty-one of the Resolves of nineteen hundred and forty-seven, shall, in the course of its investigation and study, consider the current prevalence of fires, dangerous explosions, and similar hazards in the Metropolitan area of the City of Boston.

Approved June 11, 1948.

Placed on file.

TRAFFIC LIGHTS, TOPLIFF STREET, WARD 15.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, November 18, 1948.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Traffic Commission, relative to your order of

Oct. 27, 1948, concerning the installing of traffic lights or signs on Topliff street, Ward 15.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Traffic Commission, November 17, 1948.

Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Sir:

Further referring to my letter of October 27, 1948, concerning Council order dated October 18, 1948, which reads as follows:

"Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to instruct the Traffic Commissioner to either install traffic lights or signs on Topliff street, Ward 15, or make it one way from Geneva avenue to Bowdoin street,"

please be advised that as result of an investigation by the engineers of this department I have issued orders to erect a "Slow" sign in the west side of Topliff street, south of Bowdoin street and a "Children" sign at the southeast corner of Ridgewood street and Bowdoin street.

Respectfully submitted,
LEO F. CURLEY, Commissioner.

Placed on file.

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TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, November 22, 1948.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

The enclosed requests for transfer of appropriations, together with the accompanying orders, are forwarded for consideration and adoption by your Honorable Body.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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Ordered, That in accordance with the provisions of section 3B of chapter 486 of the Acts of 1909, as amended by chapter 604 of the Acts of 1941, the City Auditor be, and hereby is, authorized to transfer:

From the appropriation for Supreme Judicial Court, A-1, Permanent Employees, $1,500, Superior Court, Civil Session, Clerk's Office, A-1, Permanent Employees, $1,000, to the appropriation for Municipal Court, Roxbury District, A-1, Permanent Employees, $1,100, B-4, Transportation of Persons, $800, B-13, Communication, $300, D-1, Office, $300.

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Ordered, That in accordance with the provisions of section 3B of chapter 486 of the Acts of 1909, as amended by chapter 604 of the Acts of 1941, the City Auditor be, and hereby is, authorized to transfer:

From the appropriation for Public Works Department, Workmen's Compensation Service, Establishment of, $2,000, to the appropriation for Special Appropriation, Public Celebrations, $2,000.

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Ordered, That in accordance with the provisions of section 3B of chapter 486 of the Acts of 1909, as amended by chapter 604 of the Acts of 1941, the City Auditor be, and hereby is, authorized to transfer:

From the appropriation for Public Works Department, Workmen's Compensation Service, Establishment of, $2,000, to the appropriation for Special Appropriation, Conventions and Entertainment of Distinguished Guests, $2,000.

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Ordered, That in accordance with the provisions of section 3B of chapter 486 of the Acts of 1909, as amended by chapter 604 of the Acts of 1941, the City Auditor be, and hereby is, authorized to transfer:

From the appropriation for Building Department, A-1, Permanent Employees, $6,000, A-2, Temporary Employees, $1,500, to the appropriation for Mayor, Office Expenses, A-1, Permanent Employees, $6,000, G, Incidentals, $1,500.

Severally referred to the Executive Committee.

TAX ABATEMENT ON CERTAIN PROPERTY TAKEN BY EMINENT DOMAIN.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, November 18, 1948.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Board of Assessors, relative to your order of September 20, 1948, concerning the possibility of abating the 1948 real estate taxes to property owners in the area of the Mystic River Bridge, whose property was taken by eminent domain as of April 1, 1948.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Board of Assessors, November 16, 1948.

Lawrence P. Gilligan,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.

Dear Mr. Gilligan:

Re, Council order of September 20, 1948, "requesting the Board of Assessors to ascertain from Henry F. Long, Commissioner of Corporations and Taxation, the possibility of abating the 1948 real estate taxes to property owners in the area of the Mystic River Bridge, whose property was taken by eminent domain as of April 1, 1948, said abatement to apply to the last nine months of 1948," please be advised that there are no abatements in order on the properties taken in the area of the Mystic River Bridge because of the fact that, before the sale of any of these properties could be consummated, the taxes had to be paid.

Very truly yours,
PETER J. ALLEN, Chairman.

Placed on file.

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PARKING AREA, CEDAR GROVE SECTION, DORCHESTER.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, November 18, 1948.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Metropolitan Transit Authority, relative to your order of November 8, 1948, concerning the holding of a public hearing with reference to the establishment of a parking area in the Cedar Grove section of Dorchester, so that residents may express their views on the matter.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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Metropolitan Transit Authority,
November 17, 1948.

Mr. Lawrence P. Gilligan,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.

Dear Sir:

I presented to the Trustees at their meeting yesterday order of the City Council, received with your letter of November 12, relative to the proposed establishment of an automobile parking area in the Cedar Grove section of Dorchester.

This is something which originated with the City of Boston in which the Trustees of the Authority acquiesced. The parking area would be on land owned by the City of Boston but leased to the Authority. The Authority was requested to make it available for the parking of automobiles.

It is suggested that the City Council take the matter up with the Mayor's Committee and the Transit Department.

Very truly yours,
EDWARD DANA,
General Manager.

Placed on file.

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PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received and referred to the committees named, viz.:

Claims.

Stephen Anastas, for compensation for damage to truck by city truck.

Anthony Bagnera, Jr., for collapse of water boiler at 119 Webster street, East Boston, caused by broken water main.

Edward V. Bezzaro, for compensation for damage to car caused by an alleged defect at 373 Adams street.

Costas J. Bibilos, for compensation for damage to property at 320 Medford street, Charlestown, caused by backing up of sewage.

Robert E. Callanan, for compensation for damage to car by fire apparatus.

Francis G. Carey, for compensation for damage to car caused by an alleged defect in Blue Hill avenue.

Carmine Dacerno, to be reimbursed for execution issued against him.

Frances DiSalvo, for compensation for damage to property at 3 DeWolf street, Dorchester, caused by fire apparatus.

James M. Drew, for compensation for damage to car caused by an alleged defect at Dorchester avenue and Old Colony avenue.

Agnes Finnerty, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at Columbus avenue and Isabella street.

David J. Horan and Ruby Williams, for compensation for damage to property at 7 Brayton road, Brighton, caused by repair work done on street.

Ada Leonardi, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at 228 Hanover street.

Lawrence D. MacDougall, to be reimbursed for execution issued against him.

Dorothy Mason for compensation for damage to car by fire truck.

William Middleton, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in Church street.

Anthony J. Petrillo, for compensation for damage to property at 46 Savin Hill avenue, Dorchester, caused by Weights and Measures inspector.

Jenne C. Rossetti, for compensation for injuries caused by removal of snow, Public Welfare Department Building.

Catherine and Thomas Thornton, for reimbursement for expenses incurred in repairing sewer drain at 493 Fourth street.

Margaret G. White, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in Boston Common.

Charles Wiley, for compensation for damage to car by city truck.

Committee on Licenses.

Petition of Airways Transportation Company for license to operate motor vehicles between Kenmore square and Logan International Airport, over Commonwealth avenue, Beacon street, Dartmouth street, Copley square, St. James avenue, Providence street, Church street, Boylston street, Charles street, Park street, Tremont street, Scollay square, Cornhill, North street, Cross street, Porter street, Brattle street, Stuart street, Columbus avenue.

APPROVAL OF CONSTABLE'S BOND.

The constable's bond of Hyman Sandler, having been duly approved by the City Treasurer, was received and approved.

BOND OF INDEMNITY.

The indemnity bond of Carney Construction Company, Inc., of Somerville, in connection with contract for constructing flues for water tube boilers in Chestnut Hill Pumping Station No. 1, was received.

Said bond was deposited with the City Auditor.

TRANSIENT VENDOR'S LICENSE.

Notice was received from the City Clerk of the issuance of a transient vendor's license to Francesco A. Maglio, Jr., for sale of Christmas trees and wreaths at 57 Brooks street, East Boston, and a stand at corner of London and Porter streets, East Boston. A bond in the sum of $500 was received and approved by the Council.

Placed on file.

HEARINGS ON M.T.A. PETITIONS.

Notices were received from the Department of Public Utilities of hearing to be held on Tuesday, November 30, at 2.15 p. m. on petitions of Metropolitan Transit Authority as follows:

For approval of location for underground conduits, wires, cables, etc., in north and south approaches to Dorchester Avenue Bridge over Fort Point Channel.

For extension of time to erect poles, wires, and other appliances, and to operate trackless trolleys on Dudley street between Warren street and Columbia road; Blue Hill avenue, between Dudley street and Warren street; Walnut avenue, between Warren street and Humboldt avenue; Humboldt avenue between Walnut avenue and Seaver street; Seaver street and Franklin Park loop at Humboldt avenue and Talbot avenue; Bowdoin street between Geneva avenue and Washington street.

Severally placed on file.

POLE LOCATIONS.

Notice was received from the Boston Edison Company of hearing to be held before Department of Public Utilities on November 29 at 2.15 p. m., on petition of Edison Company for pole locations on Turtle Pond Parkway, northerly from Berwick street, Hyde Park.

Placed on file.

PERMITS FOR CHILDREN.

Petitions for children under fifteen years of age to appear at places of public amusement were received as follows:

Thomas Nazzaro, Casino Theatre, November 28,

Rev. Richard Powers, East Boston High School, November 21 and 22.

Permits granted under usual conditions.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMISSION ON ASSESSMENT OF M.T.A. DEFICITS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Finance Commission,
November 19, 1948.

To the Honorable the Mayor and City Council.
Gentlemen:

In recent months, the increased cost of public transportation in the Metropolitan area has occupied a major share of public attention. Opinions vary as to the fairest and best device to meet this increase. Whether to charge higher fares, or—without this new revenue—to allow greater deficits to accumulate and simply assess these deficits to the taxpayers of the municipalities of the Metropolitan Transit District, is apparently the nub of the controversy.

While it is not within the province of the Finance Commission to determine this issue, nevertheless within the wide sphere of present discussions, there is a topic on which the Commission may well take a position. The Commission's concern properly under its statutory responsibility is, "What is it all going to cost the taxpayers of Boston". In that connection, the equitable distribution of the burden of the Metropolitan Transit Authority deficit whenever it eventuates, if that burden is to be borne by the municipalities composing the transit district, is worthy of examination at this time.

In the event that it is determined to continue to require the taxpayers to make up the difference between fares and costs, it is of paramount importance that a fair formula for the distribution of the deficits be established. It is now apparent that if the present rates of fare are to be continued, the deficits hereafter will total several millions more than heretofore.

The point might be raised that the equitable distribution of the deficits is merely incidental to the greater problem of whether to increase fares or continue larger deficits now occupying public attention. Nevertheless, if the whole Metropolitan Transit Authority problem is now to be reconsidered, consideration of what it is to cost the taxpayers in each municipality should not be neglected. In other words, if there are inequities in the present method of apportioning the deficit,

and many believe there are, a method should be provided which will remove these inequities.

As a matter of fact, the Finance Commission has already gone on record on this matter. The Commission promoted the filing of a bill in the 1948 session of the Legislature by which the Legislature would order the apportionment of the deficit on a population basis. This bill was numbered H. 1127. The Commission urged its adoption in a communication to the Committee on Metropolitan Affairs under date of February 2, 1948.

Unfortunately, in the welter of public discussions of more controversial legislative proposals, the importance of this bill was minimized. A resolve to create a committee to study the subject was substituted for it, and later this substitute proposal was rejected.

In brief, the Finance Commission contended that certain municipalities of the Metropolitan Transit area are treated unfairly by the method employed to apportion the company deficits since public operation of the transportation system began. In replacement of this unfair method, the Commission advocated apportionment on the basis of population, or population and valuation, in the 14 municipalities of the district. The disclosure of the inequity of the present method was made first by the engineers of the Boston Traffic Commission.

In an extended examination into this situation, the Commission found that under present law it is within the responsibility of the Metropolitan Transit Authority to pick out a method of apportionment. The method selected by the Boston Elevated Railway, and in 1948 followed by the Metropolitan Transit Authority, has been questioned for many years.

Furthermore, it has appeared to the Finance Commission that officials of the Metropolitan Transit Authority are not overly confident of its fairness and are desirous of seeing a less expensive, a less cumbersome, and a more equitable method adopted. However, they have left it to the Legislature to make any change.

The Commission believes there is a better method. It believes that better method would be to apportion the deficit on the basis of population, or population and valuation. Its reasoning in the matter is based on the fact that the public transportation system has been made available to all the people of the transit district. Some of course, for private reasons, use it less than others. Nevertheless, it is ready for service to all. It is impossible to make a fair and accurate distinction between those who might make use of it and those who do make use of it. Therefore, if it is decided that the municipalities are to bear deficit burdens, the fair method would be to make all potential users in the transit district share in the deficit financing. That would mean apportionment on a population, or population and valuation basis.

The Commission deems it important at this time to record to you its findings in this matter in the belief that you should obtain the consideration of it which it deserves. The Commission's complete reasoning is set forth in the following memorandum:

1. Chapter 544, Acts of 1947, establishing the Metropolitan Transit Authority as successor to the Boston Elevated Railway continues (section 13) the same statutory provisions for apportionment of deficits between Boston and the other municipalities in the transit district.
2. Section 9 of chapter 544, Acts of 1947, directs study of a program of future extension of rapid transit facilities. This is an implication that there are to be further extensions of the facilities; likely as not, greater deficits may result. The importance of the problem is therefore further accentuated.

The statute referred to provides that deficits in the operation of the transit system shall be assessed on the cities and towns served by the system "in proportion to the number of persons in said cities and towns using the service of the Transit Authority at the time of said payment, said proportion to be determined and reported to the State Treasurer by the trustees from computations made in their discretion for the purpose."

The obvious interpretation of this provision would seem to call for an apportionment on the basis of "the extent of use" of the system by residents of the various cities and towns served. When it was the Boston Elevated system, the public trustees used a method of apportionment which, in part at least, entailed such an interpretation of the statutory language. Under their traditional practice, every passenger embarking on the El system was counted and charged to the city or town wherein he became an El passenger, with the following exceptions:

1. If a person embarked in a municipality near the boundary, but was judged to originate outside of that municipality and yet within the Elevated district, he was charged to the place of origin, instead of to the place of embarkation.
2. If a person embarked in a municipality near the boundary and was judged to originate outside of that municipality and also outside the Elevated district, he was excluded from the count altogether.

The total exclusion from the count of passengers judged to have come from without the transit area was justifiable only on the ground that mere physical presence in a city or town at the time the use of the system began was not the criterion for apportionment, but that the statutory words "the number of persons in said cities and towns" meant the citizens of said cities and towns. Likewise the allocation to municipality A of a passenger adjudged to have come from municipality A over a boundary into municipality B and there embarked on the system is justifiable only on an interpretation of the statute which called for an apportionment on the basis of use by the citizens of the respective communities.

Boston's complaint with regard to the deficit allocation system used by the trustees of the old Elevated system is that the criterion of citizenship or residence was not carried far enough.

It is a matter of common knowledge that a tremendous number of passengers on the system are commuters from cities and towns outside of Boston. They come into Boston to work, shop, or attend amusements and they return to their homes by the same transit system. Under the method of apportionment used by the old trustees all of the home-going trips of these passengers were charged against Boston because they embarked on the system in Boston. No attempt was made to segregate these return trips and to charge them to the municipalities whose citizens were thus using the system. The fact that some infinitesimally smaller number of Bostonians who commute to other cities and towns daily were not attributed to Boston on their home-going trips does not correct the injustice, because nothing like an even balance is struck.

To make the basic injustice of the old method clearer, the following illustration is given:

Municipality A is one of the 14 cities and towns served by the transit system. Five thousand citizens of municipality A work in Boston. They enter the transit system in A and that going-to-work trip of theirs is charged to use of the transit system by citizens of A. The same 5,000 citizens enter the transit system in Boston to go home and their trips are charged to Boston as if they were Boston citizens.

This obvious injustice demonstrates a major defect in the passenger count system used in determining the allocation of the deficit burden. It is a defect inherent in the system, because no practical method has been devised for determining the number of such commuters, although it is obvious that the number is great.

Unless the existing statute is amended the deficit for 1948 and all future deficits will have to be allocated "in proportion to the number of persons in said cities and towns using the service of the Authority at the time of said payment," and it is therefore appropriate that immediate legislative action be taken to change the basis of apportionment, since the passenger count system, which is the only system yet devised for the use of the trustees, has been demonstrated to be inherently unjust. Another reason for a change in method is the waste in money and man-hours involved in the use of the old defective system. It is estimated that the cost of taking a passenger count will run close to $50,000.

A fairer method of apportioning the burden of deficits would be one on a basis of population, or on a basis of population and valuation combined. A ready precedent for such a basis is found in the methods adopted by the Legislature for allocating other Metropolitan burdens among the cities and towns benefited. The Metropolitan Transit Authority has become another of the several Metropolitan "commission" devices created to handle physical problems of the Metropolitan area. Its function is similar to that of the Metro-

politan District Commission which is concerned with the problems of sewers, water supply, and parks. Its financing procedure with respect to deficits is basically similar to that of the Metropolitan District Commission with respect to which * "all expenses incurred in the construction, operation, and maintenance of the Metropolitan system are paid in the first instance by the state and are then assessed back on the municipalities included in the Metropolitan district for which the expense is incurred."

The method of allocation of the Metropolitan sewer, water, and park services is set forth in G. L. (Ter. Ed.) chapter 92, as amended. The method of allocating the cost of service of the sewer and park system is set forth in sections 6 and 54 to 59 of said chapter 92. These provisions combine the factors of valuation and population of the municipalities served, and, generally speaking, population is the primary basis for allocating maintenance costs, whereas valuation enters into the basis when capital costs are concerned.

* Metropolitan District Commission—Development and Organization (Office of Secretary, July, 1947).

The method of allocating the cost of water service (sections 10 and 26) is primarily one directly related to use, viz., $40 per million gallons of water supplied. If such a simple and fair method were available for apportioning the transit deficit, it would be readily acceptable to all municipalities served, but the difficulty with regard to the transit district is that no such method has been devised, and the method employed in the past has been shown to be inherently defective as a measure of actual use.

The transit system, like the sewer and park systems, is available to all in the metropolitan district, and the methods of apportioning the sewer and park service costs are equally applicable to the apportionment of transit system service costs in the absence of a workable, fair method of ascertaining the proportion of actual use. Therefore, it seems eminently fair that the old method of apportioning the transit deficits by attempts to measure actual use be abandoned because of inherent inequities in attempting to measure actual use, and that the Legislature adopt a more simple, less expensive method based on population, or a method based on a combination of population and valuation factors.

Respectfully submitted,
JOSEPH K. COLLINS, Chairman,
ALEXANDER WHEELER,
LEO J. DUNN,
FREDERICK DEANE,
EDWARD F. MULLEN,
The Finance Commission.

ROBERT E. CUNNIFF,
Secretary.

Placed on file.

Coun. COOK in the chair.

ACCEPTANCE OF WARD 18 STREETS.

Coun. CANTWELL offered the following:

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out the following streets in the Hyde Park section of Ward 18:

Arnold street; Linwood street; Vale street.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out the following streets in the Readville section of Ward 18:

Stark avenue; Stoughton avenue.

Severally passed under suspension of the rule.

SURVEY OF CONDITIONS AT HEMENWAY AND FAIRMOUNT SCHOOLS.

Coun. CANTWELL offered the following:

Ordered, That the School Committee be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to make an immediate survey of conditions existing in the Hemenway School in the Readville section of Ward 18 with a view to correcting same.

Ordered, That the School Committee be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to make an immediate survey of conditions existing in the Fairmount School in the Corriganville section of Ward 18 with a view to correcting same.

Severally passed under suspension of the rule.

GARAGE OR PARKING FACILITIES IN NEWLY CONSTRUCTED HOUSES.

Coun. HANNON and RAMSEY offered the following:

Ordered, That the building laws be amended so that every new residential structure erected shall henceforth provide garage or parking facilities.

Referred to Committee on Public Safety.

PERMITS FOR ALL-NIGHT PARKING ON CERTAIN STREETS.

Coun. HANNON and RAMSEY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Traffic Commissioner, the Police Commissioner, and the Fire Commissioner be directed to confer relative to the possibility of issuing permits for all-night parking on the streets in those sections of the city where garage and parking facilities are not available.

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety.

INCREASED FUNERAL AND CEMETERY ALLOWANCES FOR POOR AND INDIGENT.

Coun. SULLIVAN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Corporation Counsel be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to prepare legislation for the public welfare of the City of Boston to be filed on or before December 1, 1948, relative to amending chapter 668 of the Acts and Resolves of 1945 so that funeral expenses for the poor and indigent will be increased from $100 to $250 and the cemetery expenses be increased from $50 to $150.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

REDUCED COST OF CITY-OWNED CEMETERY LOTS.

Coun. SULLIVAN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Park Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to reduce the cost of cemetery lots in city-owned cemeteries from $50 to $25, pending the amending of chapter 668 of the Acts and Resolves of 1945 relative to burials for the poor and indigent.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

ELIMINATION OF SMOKE NUISANCE FROM ALLSTON RAILROAD YARDS.

Coun. SHANLEY offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to confer with the Building and Health Commissioners for the purpose of eliminating smoke nuisance emanating from the railroad yards in Allston.

Referred to Committee on Public Safety.

INSTALLATION OF ARC LIGHTS, WARD 3.

Coun. LANIGAN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to install an arc light on Staniford street, about in front of No. 95, midway between Green and South Margin streets, in the West End section of Ward 3.

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to install an arc light at the corner of Wall and Cotting streets, in the West End section of Ward 3.

Severally passed under suspension of the rule.

HEALY PLAYGROUND IMPROVEMENTS.

Coun. McCORMACK offered the following:

Ordered, That the Park Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to include

sufficient money in their 1949 budget to provide for the installation of a basketball court on the Healy Playground and to put in proper repair the tennis courts and the backstop in the above-mentioned playground.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

WALKS AROUND JAMAICA POND.

Coun. McCORMACK offered the following:
Ordered, That the Park Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to include sufficient money in their 1949 budget to put the walks around Jamaica Pond in first-class condition.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

TRANSFER OF VETERANS' MULTIPLE HOUSING UNITS TO CHAPTER 200.

Coun. LINEHAN offered the following:
Ordered, That the Boston Housing Authority be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to make application to the State Board of Housing for the transfer of veterans' multiple housing units, started under chapter 372, over to chapter 200 so that more money will be available under chapter 372 for the construction of additional two-family houses.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

LEGISLATION RE BRIDGE TO LONG ISLAND.

Coun. LINEHAN offered the following:
Ordered, That the Corporation Counsel be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to file in the Legislature the bill available to the Law Department calling for the construction of a bridge connecting Long Island with the mainland, which if passed by the Legislature, will result in a large annual saving to the taxpayers and, in addition, will provide more adequate medical attention for the patients at Long Island Hospital.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

PLACING OF CONTRACTS WITH BOSTON CONCERNS.

Coun. KEENAN offered the following:
Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to award all future contracts to concerns having a place of business and paying taxes in the City of Boston whenever possible.
On motion of Councilor Chase, the foregoing order was amended by adding the following words: "Provided that the contractor is the lowest bidder," and the order as amended was passed under suspension of the rule.

FLOODING OF FATHER BUCKLEY PLAYGROUND FOR SKATING.

Coun. WENZLER offered the following:
Ordered, That the Park Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to flood a portion of the Father Buckley Playground for skating purposes.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

EMERGENCY CREWS FOR HANDLING FLOODS.

Coun. ANSEL offered the following:
Ordered, That the Commisssioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to provide five emergency crews to handle floods brought about by heavy rainfall and snow.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

REMOVAL OF SNOW.

Coun. ANSEL offered the following:
Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be directed, through his Honor the Mayor, to permit men in the city yards to be employed on Saturdays and Sundays for the removal of snow, and that all city apparatus be available to handle any emergencies pertaining to snow removal.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

PLACING OF SAND BOXES FOR USE IN EMERGENCY.

Coun. ANSEL offered the following:
Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be directed, through his Honor the Mayor, to provide for the construction and placing of sand boxes at Wellington Hill street and Blue Hill avenue, Wales street and Blue Hill avenue, Franklin Park and Blue Hill avenue, and Norfolk and Morton streets, for use in case of emergency.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

BUS SCHEDULES, ADAMS STREET AND NEPONSET AVENUE.

Coun. BEADES offered the following:
Ordered, That the Metropolitan Transit Authority be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to make a survey of the running schedules of buses on Adams street and Neponset avenue, Dorchester, with a view to providing sufficient equipment, and a re-scheduling of the running time so that the residents of this section may be given adequate service.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

GARVEY PLAYGROUND REPAIRS.

Coun. BEADES offered the following:
Ordered, That the Park Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to include in its budget for 1949 a sum sufficient to provide for filling in the Garvey Playground in Neponset, for repairing the tennis courts so that they may be available for use, and for any other general repairs that may be necessary on this playground.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

WITHHOLDING OF FUTURE CONTRACTS TO DILATORY CONTRACTORS.

Coun. BRYAN offered the following:
Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be requested not to award any more contracts to A. Singarella & Son and other contractors for resurfacing of streets and installation of sewerage works and catch-basins, due to their neglect in restoring street surfaces which were ruined by trucks during the construction of housing projects on Paragon road, Keystone street and George street, in West Roxbury, and their dilatory attitude in neglecting the repair of same.
Referred to the Joint Committee on Public Housing and Public Works.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONFIRMATIONS.

Coun. ANSEL, for the Committee on Confirmations, submitted the following:
Reports on appointments by the Mayor (referred November 15) of Frank A. Roche and Louis Yackey as Constables authorized to serve civil process upon filing of bond, for term ending April 30, 1949 — that appointments be confirmed.
Report on appointment by the Mayor (referred November 15) of Leo P. Marshall, as Constable for term ending April 30, 1949, not authorized to serve civil process, and to serve without bond — that appointment be confirmed.
Report on appointments by the Mayor (referred November 15) of George E. White, and Clifford L. Sennott as Weighers of Goods for term ending April 30, 1949 — that appointments be confirmed.
The reports were accepted, and the question came on confirmation. Committee, Councilors Chase and McCormack. Whole number of ballots 12, yeas 12, and the appointments were confirmed.

RECESS.

On motion of Councilor Sullivan, the Council voted to take a recess at 3.12 p. m., subject to the call of the Chair. The members reassembled and were called to order by President HANNON at 4.34 p. m.

GRANTING OF INCREASE TO CERTAIN POLICE DEPARTMENT DETECTIVES.

Coun. KEENAN offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to grant an increase of $300 to the detectives in the Police Department, not exceeding 200 in number, so that all of these 200 men may be rewarded in the manner intended by the State Legislature.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

ABANDONMENT OF M.T.A. PARKING AREA, CEDAR GROVE SECTION.

Coun. BEADES and KEENAN offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor instruct the Traffic Commission and the members of the Transit Commission to immediately abandon consideration of the contemplated lease by the City of Boston of land in the Cedar Grove section of Dorchester to the M.T.A. for parking purposes, since this land is located in a strictly residential area and would not in any way alleviate the parking problems now present in the City of Boston, and be it further

Ordered, That, if the authorities concerned feel that they would like the opinion of the residents of this particular area relative to this, a public hearing be held for this purpose.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

ORDINANCE CONCERNING SALARIES OF CERTAIN CITY OFFICIALS.

Coun. HANNON offered the following:

City of Boston.
In the Year Nineteen Hundred and Forty-eight.
An Ordinance Concerning Salaries of Certain Officials.

Be it ordained by the City Council of Boston, as follows:

Chapter 3, section 5, of the Revised Ordinances of 1947, as amended by chapter 3 of the Ordinances of 1948, is further amended as follows:

In the clause establishing the salaries of assessors, by striking out that portion relating to salaries of first assistant assessors, and inserting in place thereof the following: "Each first assistant assessor, thirteen hundred and fifty dollars for street work and preparation therefor, and thirteen hundred and fifty dollars for services on dooming board and work on abatements and investigations."

In the clause establishing the salaries of the sealer and deputy sealer of weights and measures, by striking out said clause and inserting in place thereof the following: "The sealer of weights and measures, five thousand dollars; the chief deputy sealer, such salary not exceeding thirty-five hundred dollars, and the other deputy sealers, such salary not exceeding thirty-three hundred dollars each, as may be fixed by the sealer of weights and measures with the approval of the mayor."

In the clause establishing the salaries of officers connected with the city council, by striking out said clause and inserting in place thereof the following: "The officers connected with the city council; the clerk of committees, sixty-three hundred dollars; the assistant clerk of committees, forty-nine hundred dollars; two stenographer-clerks, each thirty-three hundred dollars; the city messenger, sixty-three hundred dollars; the first assistant city messenger, forty-three hundred dollars; the second assistant city messenger, thirty-three hundred dollars; two stenographer-clerks, each three thousand dollars; the document man, thirty-eight hundred dollars; the assistant document man, three thousand dollars."

Referred to Committee on Ordinances.

SALARY OF CITY HOSPITAL CHIEF ENGINEER.

Coun. HANNON offered the following:

Ordered, That the Trustees of the Boston City Hospital be directed through his Honor the Mayor to include in their annual budget sufficient funds to pay the chief engineer of that institution a salary commensurate with his duties and obligations.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Coun. McCORMACK, for the Executive Committee, submitted the following:

1. Report on order (referred today) that Corporation Counsel prepare legislation relative to amending chapter 668 of the Acts and Resolves of 1945 increasing allowances for funeral expenses for poor and indigent from $100 to $250 and allowances for cemetery expenses from $50 to $150—that same ought to pass.

The report was accepted, and the order was passed.

2. Report on message of Mayor and order (referred November 15) for transfer of $9,000 from appropriation for County Buildings, Personal Service, Permanent Employees, to Public Buildings Department, Personal Service, $8,000, Special Items, $1,000—that same ought to pass.

The report was accepted, and the order was passed, yeas 16, nays 0:

Yeas—Councilors Beades, Bryan, Chase, Hannon, Keenan, Kinsella, Lane, Lanigan, Linehan, McCormack, Ramsey, Shanley, Sullivan, Tracy, Wenzler, Yerxa—16.

Nays—0.

3. Report on message of Mayor and order (referred today) that $35,000 be appropriated as administrative expenses in connection with United States Savings Bond Allotment Plan, said sum to be charged to the Contingent Fund—that same ought to pass.

The report was accepted, and the order was passed, yeas 17, nays 0:

Yeas—Councilors Beades, Bryan, Chase, Hannon, Hurley, Keenan, Kinsella, Lane, Lanigan, Linehan, McCormack, Ramsey, Shanley, Sullivan, Tracy, Wenzler, Yerxa—17.

Nays—0.

4. Report on message of Mayor and orders (referred today) for transfers of appropriations—recommending that the orders, with the exception of the order for transfer of $7,500 from Building Department to Mayor's Office Expenses, ought to pass.

The report was accepted, and the orders, with the exception of the order for transfer of $7,500 to Mayor's Office Expenses, were severally passed, yeas 17, nays 0:

Yeas—Councilors Beades, Bryan, Chase, Hannon, Hurley, Keenan, Kinsella, Lane, Lanigan, Linehan, McCormack, Ramsey, Shanley, Sullivan, Tracy, Wenzler, Yerxa—17.

Nays—0.

A motion by Councilor Wenzler to take the order for transfer of $7,500 to Mayor's Office Expenses from the Executive Committee was defeated.

LEASE OF LAND TO F. P. DAVIS MONUMENTAL WORKS, INC.

On motion of Councilor Bryan, the Council voted to take up, under unfinished business, No. 1 on the Calendar, viz.:

1. Order for lease of land on Washington street, West Roxbury, to F. P. Davis Monumental Works, Inc.

On November 8, 1948, the said order was read once and passed, yeas 17, nays 1.

The question came on giving the order its second reading and passage. The order was rejected (15 votes being required for passage), yeas 14, nays 0:

Yeas—Councilors Beades, Bryan, Hannon, Hurley, Keenan, Kinsella, Lane, Lanigan, Linehan, McCormack, Ramsey, Shanley, Tracy, Wenzler —14.
Nays—0.
Voting present—Councilors Chase, Sullivan, Yerxa—3.
On motion of Councilor Keenan, the Council voted to reconsider the foregoing vote. On motion of Councilor Keenan the order was assigned for one week. Later in the session, on motion of Councilor Keenan, it was voted to reconsider the vote assigning the order for one week.

The order was read a second time and again passed, yeas 16, nays 0:
Yeas—Councilors Beades, Bryan, Chase, Hannon, Hurley, Keenan, Kinsella, Lane, Lanigan, Linehan, McCormack, Ramsey, Shanley, Tracy, Wenzler, Yerxa—16.
Nays—0.
Voting Present—Councilor Sullivan.

EXTRA THANKSGIVING GRANT TO WELFARE RECIPIENTS.

Coun. RAMSEY offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor direct the Overseers of Public Welfare to grant all recipients of welfare aid an extra $5 for Thanksgiving.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

On motion of Councilor McCormack the Council voted to adjourn at 4.50 p. m., to meet on Monday, November 29, 1948 at 2 p. m.

Note: All debate of City Council eliminated from proceedings in accordance with Chapter 447, Acts of 1947.

(Stenographic copy of such debate on file in office of City Clerk.)

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of City Council.

Monday, November 29, 1948.

Regular meeting of the City Council held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 2 p. m., President HANNON in the chair. Absent, Councilors Carey and Yerxa.

The meeting was opened with the salute to the Flag.

Coun. LINEHAN in the chair.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR.

Subject to confirmation by the Council, the Mayor submitted the following appointments:

Constables, authorized to serve civil process upon filing of bond, for term ending April 30, 1949: William J. DuRoss, 462 Gallivan Boulevard, Dorchester; Joseph Ackman, 27 Wilmore street, Mattapan, Mass.

Weighers of Coal, for term ending April 30, 1949: Robert W. Lang, 17 Cross street, Charlestown; Charles Stearns, 9 Newtowne Court, Cambridge, Mass.

Weighers of Goods, for term ending April 30, 1949: Noble R. Steves, 24 Sharp street, Dorchester; Holly J. Steves, 24 Sharp street, Dorchester.

Severally referred to Committee on Confirmations.

INSTALLATION OF ARC LIGHTS, BOLTON STREET, WARD 6.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, November 23, 1948.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Public Works Department, relative to your order of October 25, 1948, concerning the installing of two arc lights on Bolton street, between D and E streets, opposite the Father Buckley Playground, Ward 6.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Public Works Department,
November 22, 1948.

Mr. Lawrence P. Gilligan,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Sir:

I return herewith order in City Council that the Commissioner of Public Works install two arc lights on Bolton street, between D and E streets, opposite the Father Buckley Playground, South Boston, and this will advise you that new lights are in the process of installation as of November 22, 1948.

Very truly yours,
ROBERT P. CURLEY,
Commissioner of Public Works.

Placed on file.

MANHOLE EXPLOSIONS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, November 24, 1948.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Fire Department, relative to your order of November 8, 1948, concerning manhole explosions in the City of Boston.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Fire Department, November 22, 1948.

Hon James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.
Dear Mr. Mayor:

Reference is made to City Council order of November 8, 1948, enclosed herewith, relative to manhole explosions within the City of Boston.

The public utility companies mentioned in the order are conducting experiments at the present time to determine the cause of these explosions, and presumably, will issue a report on the completion of these investigations.

Respectfully yours,
RUSSELL S. CODMAN, JR.,
Fire Commissioner.

Placed on file.

INSTALLATION OF ELECTRIC LIGHTS, COBDEN STREET, WARD 11.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, November 23, 1948.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Public Works Department, relative to your order of October 25, 1948, concerning the removal of gas lamps and installation of electric lights in the vicinity of Cobden street, Ward 11.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Public Works Department,
November 22, 1948.

Mr. Lawrence P. Gilligan,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office,
Dear Sir:

I return herewith order in Council that the Commissioner of Public Works install electric lights in Cobden street, Roxbury, Ward 11, and this will advise you that, due to the fact that there are no overhead facilities available, we will be unable to comply with said order at the present time.

Very truly yours,
ROBERT P. CURLEY,
Commissioner of Public Works.

Placed on file.

INCOME SCHEDULES OF HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, November 26, 1948.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Boston Housing Authority, relative to your order of September 20, 1948, concerning income schedules of developments in the jurisdiction of the Authority.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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Boston Housing Authority,
November 22, 1948.

Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.
Subject: City Council Order, September 20, 1948, Concerning Income Schedules of Developments in the Jurisdiction of This Authority.
Dear Mr. Mayor:

In reply to your letter of September 20, 1948, on the above subject, the information requested is attached in a sufficient number of copies that one may be furnished each councilor.

This information includes: (1) a schedule of rents and incomes in low-income developments; (2) a schedule of rents and incomes in Old Colony development; (3) a schedule of rents and incomes in temporary developments; (4) a schedule of rents, incomes, and qualifications in the chapter 372 one- and two-family house program.

This answer has been delayed pending settlement of the question of inclusion of veterans' disability allowances in computing incomes, which you know has been resolved by the exclusion of such disability allowances as to eligibility but inclusion as to computation of rent.

Respectfully yours,
CORNELIUS P. CRONIN, Chairman.

LOW-RENT DEVELOPMENTS.
BOSTON HOUSING AUTHORITY MONTHLY CHARGE AND INCOME SCHEDULE.
SHELTER RENTS, UTILITIES, AND FAMILY INCOME LIMITS.

Monthly Rent.	0 Minor Dependents.	1 and 2 Minor Dependents.	Monthly Rent.	3 and 4 Minor Dependents.	5 and 6 Minor Dependents.	7 and 8 Minor Dependents.	9 and 10 Minor Dependents.	11 and Over Minor Dependents.
$15	$700	$744	*$15	$800	$850	$900	$950	$1,000
18	844	884	18	950	1,000	1,050	1,100	1,150
21	984	1,034	21	1,100	1,150	1,200	1,250	1,300
24	1,124	1,174	24	1,250	1,300	1,350	1,400	1,450
27	1,274	1,324	27	1,400	1,450	1,500	1,550	1,600
30	1,414	1,464	30	1,550	1,600	1,650	1,700	1,750
33	1,564	1,604	33	1,700	1,750	1,800	1,850	1,900
36	1,704	1,754	36	1,850	1,900	1,950	2,000	2,050
39	1,844	1,894	39	2,000	2,050	2,100	2,150	2,200
Maximum, 1-Bedroom, 40	1,894	1,944	Maximum, 1-Bedroom, 40	2,050	2,100	2,150	2,200	2,250
42	1,984	2,024	42	2,150	2,200	2,250	2,300	2,350
Maximum, 2-Bedroom, 45	2,100	2,150	Maximum, 2-Bedroom, 45	2,300	2,350	2,400	2,450	2,500
48	2,250	2,294	48	2,450	2,500	2,550	2,600	2,650
Maximum, 3-Bedroom, 50	2,344	2,400	Maximum, 3-Bedroom, 50	2,550	2,600	2,650	2,700	2,750
53	2,500	2,544	53	2,700	2,750	2,800	2,850	2,900
Maximum, 4-Bedroom, 55	2,600	2,650	Maximum, 4-Bedroom, 55	2,800	2,850	2,900	2,950	3,000
58	2,750	2,800	58	2,950	3,000	3,050	3,100	3,150
Maximum, 5-Bedroom, 60	2,850	2,900	Maximum, 5-Bedroom, 60	3,050	3,100	3,150	3,200	3,250

No Minor Dependents—1-Bedroom, Maximum Admission, $1,900. Continued Occupancy Limit, $2,375.

LESS THAN 3 MINOR DEPENDENTS.

1-Bedroom, Maximum Admission, $2,100.
2-Bedroom, Maximum Admission, $2,150.
3-Bedroom, Maximum Admission, $2,200.
4-Bedroom, Maximum Admission, $2,250.

1-Bedroom, Continued Occupancy Limit, $2,625.
2-Bedroom, Continued Occupancy Limit, $2,690.
3-Bedroom, Continued Occupancy Limit, $2,750.
4-Bedroom, Continued Occupancy Limit, $2,825.

3 OR MORE MINOR DEPENDENTS.

2-Bedroom, Maximum Admission, $2,200.
3-Bedroom, Maximum Admission, $2,300.
4-Bedroom, Maximum Admission, $2,400.
5-Bedroom, Maximum Admission, $2,500.

2-Bedroom, Continued Occupancy Limit, $2,750.
3-Bedroom, Continued Occupancy Limit, $2,875.
4-Bedroom, Continued Occupancy Limit, $3,000.
5-Bedroom, Continued Occupancy Limit, $3,125.

COST OF UTILITIES.

1-Bedroom, $7.
2-Bedroom, $10.
3-Bedroom, $12.50.
4-Bedroom, $15.
5-Bedroom, $18.

SHELTER RENT is the difference between the monthly rent charged and the cost of utilities.

Families receiving rental allotments from welfare agencies will pay the following monthly rents: 1-Bedroom, $31; 2-Bedroom, $33; 3-Bedroom, $35; 4-Bedroom, $36; 5-Bedroom, $37. * Minimum Rent, 5-Bedroom, $18.

Revised April 27, 1948.

RENTS AND INCOME,
OLD COLONY DEVELOPMENT.

Rents for the Old Colony Development are charged in the following manner:
25 per cent of the aggregate income of a family is charged for gross rent.
The minimum gross rent allowed is $35 per month.
The maximum rents charged are:

1-Bedroom Unit	$40.00
2-Bedroom Unit	$45.00
3-Bedroom Unit	$50.00
4-Bedroom Unit	$55.00

There are no maximum income limitations for this development.

RENTS AND INCOME,
TEMPORARY DWELLING UNITS.

Rents for the temporary dwelling units are charged in the following manner:
20 per cent to the nearest half-dollar of the aggregate income is charged for shelter rent.
The minimum shelter rent allowed is $19 per month.
The maximum rentals charged are:

	1-Br.	2-Br.	3-Br.
Columbia Village	$23.00	$26.50	$30.00
Alsen Village	$24.00	$27.50	
Franklin Field	$25.00	$28.50	

There are no income limitations for these developments.

RENTS AND INCOME,
CITY OF BOSTON VETERANS' HOUSING.

The annual income range for admission to the City of Boston Veterans' Housing Program is from $2,800 to $5,500.

The monthly shelter rentals charged are:

Size	Type		
	Flat over Flat	1st Floor	$45.00
	Flat over Flat	2d Floor	$47.50
2-Bedroom	Duplex		$55.00
2-Bedroom	Single		$57.50
	Flat over Flat	1st Floor	$50.00
	Flat over Flat	2d Floor	$52.50
3-Bedroom	Duplex		$60.00
3-Bedroom	Single		$67.50

POLICIES AND RENT SCHEDULE,
CITY OF BOSTON VETERANS' HOUSING PROGRAM.

The tentative policies and rent schedule adopted by the Boston Housing Authority for the acceptance of applications for this housing program is as follows:

Only families of veterans of World War II, who were discharged under conditions other than dishonorable, families of servicemen who died in action, and the wife of a man who is still in service provided they are members of a family unit, may apply.

Preference will go to those applicants who are living under the greatest housing distress.

Preference will be given to families with small children.

Each eligible family will be admitted only to the size apartment it requires.

Applicants must be residents of this city for at least three years prior to date of filing, the time spent in service to be included as though resident in Boston.

Applicants or any member of family to be housed will not be eligible if they own dwelling property.

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INFORMATION FROM HOUSING AUTHORITY.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, November 24, 1948.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Boston Housing Authority, relative to your order of October 5,1948, concerning list of apartments to be available during the next six months and a list of proposed developments.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Boston Housing Authority,
November 23, 1948.

Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.

Subject: City Council Order, October 5, 1948, Concerning List of Apartments to Be Available During the Next Six Months and a List of Proposed Developments.

Dear Mr. Mayor:

In reply to your request be advised that this Authority does not expect to have any more new apartments available for the next six months, inasmuch as tenants have been chosen and assigned to all apartments now under construction.

The list of proposed developments requested follows:

PLANS UNDER WAY.

LOCATION.	No. D. U.'s.	Legislation.
Farragut road, Dorchester	66	Chapter 372
P street, South Boston	43	Chapter 372
Arborway and Morton street, Jamaica Plain	120	Chapter 372
Victory road, Dorchester	48	Chapter 372
Willis street, Dorchester	39	Chapter 372
Jamaicaway	256	Chapter 372
* Favre street, Mattapan	34	Chapter 372
* Cottage street, Hyde Park	100	Chapter 372
Commonwealth avenue, Brighton	648	Chapter 200
Faneuil and Market streets, Brighton	264	Chapter 200
Total	1,618	

PROPOSED.

LOCATION.	No. D. U.'s.	Legislation.
* South End	508	Chapter 200
* Holworthy street, Roxbury	30	Chapter 200
* Leyden street, East Boston	30	Chapter 200
* Cow Pasture	800	Chapter 200
* Cottage Street Area, Hyde Park	200	Chapter 200
Total	1,568	

CONTRACTS AWARDED.

LOCATION.	No. D. U.'s.	Legislation.
D street, South Boston	972	Chapter 200
Camden street	72	Chapter 200
Total	1,044	

* Subject to approval of State Housing Board.

Respectfully yours,
CORNELIUS P. CRONIN, Chairman.

Placed on file.

FLOODLIGHTS, CHRISTOPHER J. LEE PLAYGROUND.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, November 23, 1948.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Park Department, relative to your order of November 15, 1948, concerning the installing of floodlights on the Christopher J. Lee Playground, M and Second streets, Ward 6.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Park Department, November 22, 1948.

Mr. Lawrence P. Gilligan,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Sir:

I have again the request of the City Council to install floodlights on the Christopher J. Lee Playground, M and Second streets, South Boston.

A short time ago a similar request was made for the Columbus Park Stadium. At that time I stated that it is the usual custom that when floodlights are installed that they be installed on an enclosed field. I feel that this is very important, particularly when you consider the cost of such an installation; with all its glass there would be bound to be considerable damage to any floodlights, no matter how high they were in the air if the field is not enclosed.

However, I shall be only too pleased to submit to the Budget Commissioner an estimate of the cost of such an installation, with enclosure, estimated cost of maintenance, and estimated cost of operation.

Very truly yours,
JOHN J. MURPHY, Chairman.

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HOUSING DEVELOPMENT IN WARD 14, UNDER CHAPTER 200.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, November 26, 1948.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Boston Housing Authority, relative to your order of November 8, 1948, concerning housing development in Ward 14, under chapter 200 of the Acts of 1948.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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Boston Housing Authority,
November 24, 1948.

Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.

Subject: City Council Order, November 8, 1948 Concerning Housing Development in Ward, 14, under Chapter 200 of the Acts of 1948.

Dear Mr. Mayor:

In reply to your request on the City Council order referred to above, the following information is submitted.

Under date of October 5, 1948, the City Council requested this Authority to furnish each member of the Council with a list of proposed developments.

Such list has been submitted and in effect earmarks all the funds available to the Authority under chapter 200.

The Authority is, however, hopeful that federal housing legislation will be passed early in 1949 which will make further funds available. At that time be assured that this Authority will give every consideration to this request.

Respectfully yours,
CORNELIUS P. CRONIN, Chairman.

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HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS IN NORTH, SOUTH, AND WEST ENDS, UNDER CHAPTER 200.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, November 24, 1948.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Boston Housing Authority, relative to your order of November 15, 1948, concerning the proposed housing development in the North End, West End, and South End, under the provisions of chapter 200 of the Acts of 1948.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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Boston Housing Authority,
November 22, 1948.

Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.

Subject: City Council Order of November 15, 1948, on Proposed Housing Development in the North End, West End, and South End, under the Provisions of Chapter 200 of the Acts of 1948.

Dear Mr. Mayor:

With reference to the above order be advised that this Authority is only too well aware of the housing conditions in the area spoken of.

As the Council no doubt knows, the Authority is now and has been endeavoring to resolve the difficulties concerning the development in the South End, near Malden and Washington streets, and will continue its efforts along this line.

Every consideration will of course be given to areas in the West and North Ends. These areas however present quite a problem inasmuch as there is practically no vacant land in either section and, due to the housing shortage, clearance of substandard areas is an impossibility, and further the State Housing Board will not allow such clearance under the terms of chapter 200.

The Authority is however hopeful that federal legislation favorable to urban redevelopment will be passed early in 1949, and that the future of sections of these areas can be reappraised in light of that legislation.

Respectfully yours,
CORNELIUS P. CRONIN, Chairman.

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TRAFFIC SIGNALS, WARDS 21 AND 22.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, October 27, 1948.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Traffic Commission, relative to your order of October 18, 1948, concerning the installing of traffic lights at the junction of Warren, Sparhawk, and Cambridge streets, Wards 21 and 22.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Traffic Commission, October 27, 1948.

Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.
Dear Sir:

This is to acknowledge Council order dated October 18, 1948, which reads as follows:

"Ordered, That the Traffic Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to install traffic lights at the junction of Warren, Sparhawk, and Cambridge streets, Wards 21 and 22,"

please be informed that I have requested our engineers to make a survey of same and, upon receipt of their report you will be advised of the action we take.

Respectfully submitted,
LEO F. CURLEY, Commissioner.

Placed on file.

TRAFFIC SIGNALS, WARD 11.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, November 29, 1948.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Traffic Commissioner, relative to your order of November 8, 1948, concerning the installing of automatic traffic signals at the intersection of Washington street, McBride street, and Rossmore road, in Ward 11.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Traffic Commission, November 22, 1948.

Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.
Dear Sir:

In reply to blue memo of November 12, 1948, from Lawrence P. Gilligan, chief clerk, requesting consideration and report on Council order dated November 8, 1948, from Councilor Tracey, which reads as follows:

"Ordered, That the Traffic Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to install automatic traffic signals at the intersection of Washington street, McBride street, and Rossmore road, in Ward 11,"

please be advised that the engineers of this department are well acquainted with the subject intersection, and it is their opinion that there are many other intersections more deserving of immediate attention. For this reason I recommend that no action be taken at this time.

Respectfully submitted,
LEO F. CURLEY, Commissioner.

Placed on file.

TRAFFIC SIGNALS, WARD 8.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, November 29, 1948.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Traffic Commissioner, relative to your order of November 8, 1948, concerning the installing of automatic traffic signals at Harrison avenue and East Brookline street, and at Harrison avenue and East Dedham street.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Traffic Commission, November 22, 1948.

Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.
Dear Sir:

In reply to blue memo of November 12, 1948, from Lawrence P. Gilligan, chief clerk, requesting consideration and report on Council order dated November 8, 1948, from Councilor Hurley, which reads as follows:

"Ordered, That the Traffic Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to install automatic traffic signals at the following locations in Ward 8: Harrison avenue and East Brookline street; Harrison avenue and East Dedham street,"

please be advised that the two intersections referred to in the memo subject are deserving of consideration and a study will be made.

At the present time, however, there is no money available and if action is taken it will, of necessity, take place next year. In the meantime we hope that within a few months signals will be erected at the intersection of Harrison avenue and East Concord street, which we believe will ease the general situation.

Respectfully submitted,
LEO F. CURLEY, Commissioner.

Placed on file.

PEDESTRIAN TRAFFIC LIGHT, WARD 22.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, November 29, 1948.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Traffic Commission, relative to your order of November 8, 1948, concerning the making of a survey to determine the advisability of installing a pedestrian traffic light at the junction of Riverdale street and Western avenue, Ward 22.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Traffic Commission, November 22, 1948.

Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.
Dear Sir:

In reply to blue memo of November 12, 1948, from Lawrence P. Gilligan, chief clerk, requesting consideration and report on Council order dated November 8, 1948, from Councilor Shanley, which reads as follows:

"Ordered, That the Boston Traffic Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to make a survey to determine the advisability of installing a pedestrian traffic light at the junction of Riverdale street and Western avenue, Ward 22,"

please be advised that at the earliest possible opportunity the survey requested relative to installing a pedestrian traffic light at the junction of Riverdale street and Western avenue will be undertaken.

Respectfully submitted,
LEO F. CURLEY, Commissioner.

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INSTALLATION OF "STOP" SIGNS, WARD 14.

The following were received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, November 29, 1948.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Traffic Commissioner, relative to your order of November 8, 1948, concerning the installing of "Stop" signs at the following-named locations: Radcliffe and Harvard streets; Norwell and Harvard streets, both corners; Greenwood and Harvard streets.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Traffic Commission, November 22, 1948.

Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.
Dear Sir:

This is to acknowledge blue memo dated November 12, 1948, signed by Lawrence P. Gilligan, chief

clerk, requesting consideration and report on Council order of November 8, 1948, from Councilor Ansel, which reads as follows:

"Ordered, That the Traffic Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to install 'Stop' signs at the following-named locations: Radcliffe and Harvard streets; Norwell and Harvard streets, both corners; Greenwood and Harvard streets."

As regards to subject matter, a detailed traffic survey will be made, and if the need for the same is found to be necessary it will be included in the lights to be requested for next year, as the present budget for signal lights is exhausted.

Respectfully submitted,
LEO F. CURLEY, Commissioner.

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, November 29, 1948.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Traffic Commissioner, relative to your order of November 8, 1948, concerning the placing of "Stop" signs at Courtland road and Greendale road in the Ward 14 section of Boston.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Traffic Commission, November 22, 1948.

Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.
Dear Sir:

In reply to blue memo of November 12, 1948, signed by Lawrence P. Gilligan, regarding Council order dated November 8, 1948, by Councilor Ansel, reading as follows:

"Ordered, That the Traffic Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to place 'Stop' signs at Courtland road and Greendale road in the Ward 14 section of Boston," please be advised that this intersection is wide open, with plenty of opportunity to see traffic approaching in either direction. There have been very few accidents involving personal injuries at this intersection, and the engineers do not believe that it is necessary to make this street a "Stop" street. However, further study will be given to this location.

Respectfully submitted,
LEO F. CURLEY, Commissioner.

Severally placed on file.

NIGHT PARKING OF CARS ON DESIGNATED STREETS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, November 29, 1948.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Traffic Commission, relative to your order of November 8, 1948, concerning request to instruct police captains in various divisions to allow the parking of automobiles on designated streets within their district where no garage or parking space is available.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Traffic Commission, November 22, 1948.

Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.
Dear Sir:

This is to acknowledge blue memo dated November 17, 1948, signed by Lawrence P. Gilligan, chief clerk, requesting consideration and report on Council order of November 8, 1948, from Councilor Ramsey, which reads as follows:

"Ordered, That the Police Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to instruct the captains in the various divisions to allow the parking of automobiles on designated streets within their district where no garage or parking space is available."

Subject matter has been referred to the Law Department for study, as there is some doubt existing in the minds of the members of this commission as to the authority of this commission to create a regulation such as is sought in the Council order.

When an opinion has been received from the Law Department the same will be forwarded to you.

Respectfully submitted,
LEO F. CURLEY, Commissioner.

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NIGHT PARKING, MEETING HOUSE HILL SECTION.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, November 29, 1948.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Traffic Commissioner, relative to your order of November 15, 1948, concerning the issuance of orders to permit night parking in the Meeting House Hill section of Boston, and in such other sections where garage facilities are inadequate.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Traffic Commission, November 22, 1948.

Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.
Dear Sir:

This is to acknowledge blue memo dated November 17, 1948, signed by Lawrence P. Gilligan, chief clerk, requesting consideration and report on Council order of November 15, 1948, from Councilor Ramsey, which reads as follows:

"Ordered, That the Traffic Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to issue orders to permit night parking in the Meeting House Hill section of Boston, and in such other sections where garage facilities are inadequate."

Subject matter has been referred to the Law Department for study as there is some doubt existing in the minds of the members of this commission as to the authority of this commission to create a regulation such as is sought in the Council order.

When an opinion has been received from the Law Department the same will be forwarded to you.

Respectfully submitted,
LEO F. CURLEY, Commissioner.

Placed on file.

BUS SERVICE, ORIENT AVENUE SECTION.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, November 29, 1948.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Metropolitan Transit Authority, relative to your order of October 18, 1948, concerning the installing of a bus route to run from the Gladstone Street Station over Orient avenue and back, to take care of the persons who live on the side streets off Orient avenue.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Metropolitan Transit Authority,
November 24, 1948.

Mr. Lawrence P. Gilligan,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Sir:

Pursuant to request contained in order of the City Council received with your letter of October 21, a survey has been made of the Orient avenue section of East Boston with regard to feasibility of establishing bus service to run from the Gladstone Street Station over Orient avenue.

Orient avenue comes to a dead end near McLellan Highway; there are no suitable streets in the vicinity of Orient avenue for return trips, and buses would have to be turned for the return trip in Orient avenue. This, together with the grades on Orient avenue and the fact that the outer termini of the proposed bus service would be only about three-quarters of a mile from the Bennington street car line—and the cost of operating the service—constitute conditions which, in the opinion of the Board of Trustees, make it inadvisable to operate the bus service over Orient avenue.

Very truly yours,
EDWARD DANA, General Manager.

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NAMING OF SQUARES FOR DECEASED VETERANS, WARD 6.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, November 29, 1948.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Board of Street Commissioners, Committee to Memorialize Veterans, relative to Council orders of November 15, 1948, concerning the naming of the square at the junction of East Fourth and M streets, Ward 6, in honor of Lieutenant Walter T. Hannigan, and the square at the junction of P street and East Broadway, Ward 6, in honor of Corporal Richard V. Mooney.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Board of Street Commissioners,
November 26, 1948.

Mr. Lawrence P. Gilligan,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Sir:

I acknowledge for the Chairman of the Committee to Memorialize Veterans, receipt of two orders introduced by Councilor John B. Wenzler, requesting the junction of P street and East Broadway, South Boston, be named in honor of Corporal Richard V. Mooney, and the junction of East Fourth and M streets, South Boston, be named in honor of Lieutenant Walter T. Hannigan.

Please be advised that the next meeting of this committee will not be held until April or May of 1949, at which time these requests will be given consideration.

Very truly yours,
L. W. COSTELLO, Secretary.

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NAMING OF SQUARE IN HONOR OF KENNETH I. ROSE.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, November 29, 1948.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Chairman of the Committee to Memorialize Veterans, relative to your order of November 15, 1948, concerning the naming of the junction of Glenway street and Blue Hill avenue, Dorchester in honor of Private Kenneth I. Rose.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Board of Street Commissioners,
November 26, 1948.

Mr. Lawrence P. Gilligan,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Sir:

I acknowledge for the Chairman of the Committee to Memorialize Veterans, receipt of order introduced by Councilor Julius Ansel, requesting the junction of Glenway street and Blue Hill avenue, Dorchester, be named in honor of Private Kenneth I. Rose.

Please be advised that the next meeting of this Committee will not be held until April or May of 1949, at which time this request will be given consideration.

Very truly yours,
L. W. COSTELLO, Secretary.

Placed on file.

TELEVISION SETS, BOSTON SANATORIUM.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, November 29, 1948.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Boston City Hospital, relative to your order of November 8, 1948, concerning the installing of television sets for the entertainment of the shut-ins at the Boston Sanatorium.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Hospital Department, November 26, 1948.

Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.
Dear Mr. Mayor:

At a meeting of the board of trustees held on November 19, the following order of the City Council was presented:

"Ordered, That the Trustees of the Boston City Hospital be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to install television sets for the entertainment of the shut-ins at the Boston Sanatorium."

The trustees voted to incorporate money in the 1949 Sanatorium Division budget to meet this expenditure.

Sincerely yours,
JAMES W. MANARY, M. D.,
Superintendent.

Placed on file.

SALE OF PIGS, PENAL INSTITUTIONS DEPARTMENT.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, November 29, 1948.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I am in receipt of a communication from the Penal Institutions Commissioner, attached herewith, requesting authority to sell one hundred pigs at a price of approximately two thousand dollars ($2,000).

I am in favor of the sale of these surplus pigs to the highest bidder, and respectfully request approval of the accompanying order by your Honorable Body.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Penal Institutions Department,
November 18, 1948.

Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.
Dear Sir:

We have a surplus of one hundred (100) pigs at the House of Correction, Deer Island, which we would like to sell. These pigs weigh about one hundred (100) pounds each, a total of ten thousand (10,000) pounds.

At the present market price this department should receive approximately two thousand dollars ($2,000) from this sale.

If approved, it is our intention to advertise this sale in the City Record and sell to the highest bidder, with a representative of the Sealer of Weights and Measures Department to supervise the weighing.

Authority by the City Council and your Honor's approval of this public sale is respectfully requested.

Very truly yours,
MAXWELL B. GROSSMAN,
Penal Institutions Commissioner.

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Ordered, That the Penal Institutions Commissioner is hereby authorized to sell to the highest bidder one hundred (100) surplus pigs at the House of Correction, Deer Island.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

TRANSFERS OF APPROPRIATIONS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, November 29, 1948.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

The enclosed requests for transfers of appropriations, together with the accompanying orders, are forwarded for consideration and adoption by your Honorable Body.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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Ordered, That in accordance with the provisions of section 3B of chapter 486 of the Acts of 1909, as amended by chapter 604 of the Acts of 1941, the City Auditor be, and hereby is, authorized to transfer:

From the appropriation for Public Works Department, Lighting Service, B-8, Light, Heat and

Power, $16,000, to the appropriation for Health Department, B-17, Care of Persons, $16,000.

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Ordered, That in accordance with the provisions of section 3B of chapter 486 of the Acts of 1909, as amended by chapter 604 of the Acts of 1941, the City Auditor be, and hereby is, authorized to transfer:

From the appropriation for Public Works Department, Lighting Service, B-8, Light, Heat and Power, $5,000, to the appropriation for Public Buildings Department, B-39, General Repairs, $5,000.

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Ordered, That in accordance with the provisions of section 3B of chapter 486 of the Acts of 1909, as amended by chapter 604 of the Acts of 1941, the City Auditor be, and hereby is, authorized to transfer:

From the appropriation for Board of Real Estate Commissioners, C-9, Office, $178.55, to the appropriation for Public Buildings Department, C-9, Office, $178.55.

Ordered, That in accordance with the provisions of section 3B of chapter 486 of the Acts of 1909, as amended by chapter 604 of the Acts of 1941, the City Auditor be, and hereby is, authorized to transfer:

From the appropriation for Public Welfare Department, Central Office, F-14, Old Age Assistance, $2,000, to the appropriation for Public Welfare Department, Temporary Home, A-1, Permanent Employees, $2,000.

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Ordered, That in accordance with the provisions of section 3B of chapter 486 of the Acts of 1909, as amended by chapter 604 of the Acts of 1941, the City Auditor be, and hereby is, authorized to transfer:

From the appropriation for Public Welfare Department, Central Office, F-14, Old Age Assistance, $1,665, to the appropriation for Public Welfare Department, Wayfarers' Lodge, A-1, Permanent Employees, $1,405, A-2, Temporary Employees, $260.

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Ordered, That in accordance with the provisions of section 3B of Chapter 486 of the Acts of 1909, as amended by chapter 604 of the Acts of 1941, the City Auditor be, and hereby is, authorized to transfer:

From the appropriation for Special Appropriation, Bridges, Repairs, etc., $2,000, to the appropriation for Public Works Department, Bridge Service, E-1, Building, $2,000.

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Ordered, That in accordance with the provisions of section 3B of chapter 486 of the Acts of 1909, as amended by chapter 604 of the Acts of 1941, the City Auditor be, and hereby is, authorized to transfer:

From the appropriation for Probate Court, B-35, Fees, Service of Venires, etc., $680, to the appropriation for Medical Examiner Service, Southern Division, B-5, Express Charges, $600, D-1, Office, $80.

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Ordered, That in accordance with the provisions of section 3B of chapter 486 of the Acts of 1909, as amended by chapter 604 of the Acts of 1941, the City Auditor be, and hereby is, authorized to transfer:

From the appropriation for Associate Medical Examiner Service, Southern Division, B-5, Express Charges, $60, B-35, Fees, Service of Venires, etc., $190, to the appropriation for Associate Medical Examiner Service, Southern Division, A-2, Temporary Employees, $250.

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Ordered, That in accordance with the provisions of section 3B of chapter 486 of the Acts of 1909, as amended by chapter 604 of the Acts of 1941, the City Auditor be, and hereby is, authorized to transfer:

From the appropriation for Superior Court, Civil Session, General Expenses, B-34, Jurors, $3,000, F-7, Pensions and Annuities, $1,200, to the appropriation for Superior Criminal Court, B-4, Transportation of Persons, $3,000, B-28, Expert, $1,200.

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Ordered, That in accordance with the provisions of section 3B of chapter 486 of the Acts of 1909, as amended by chapter 604 of the Acts of 1941, the City Auditor be, and hereby is, authorized to transfer:

From the appropriation for Penal Institutions Department, House of Correction, B-39, General Repairs, $3,000, to the appropriation for Special Appropriation, County of Suffolk, Contingent Fund, $3,000.

Severally referred to the Executive Committee.

PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received and referred to the committees named, viz:

Claims.

Robert H. Buchanan, for compensation for damage to car by city wagon.

Elizabeth Butler, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at 33 Zeigler street.

Mrs Robert J. Fowler, for compensation for damage to clothing caused by an alleged defect in Columbus avenue.

Mrs. Joseph E. Johnson, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at 198 Stratford street.

George Katseff, for compensation for damage to car by car of Fire Department.

F. J. Leahy, for compensation for damage to car caused by an alleged defect in Charlestown Bridge.

Lucy Lennon, Jr., for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at 56 Business street.

Andrew Mahara, for compensation for damage to car caused by an alleged defect at Hampden and Albany streets.

Joseph Merithew, for compensation for damage to car by city truck.

Robert A. Poling, for compensation for damage to car by fire apparatus.

Michael J. Theodore, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at 164 West Concord street,

William Tighe, for compensation for damage to car by fire truck.

Lorraine Tranfaglia, for compensation for damages caused by city car.

Weinstein Plumbing Supply Company, for compensation for damage to property at 979-983 Harrison avenue, caused by defective sewer.

Executive Committee.

Petition of Hedwig E. Daniel to be paid annuity on account of death of her husband, William L. Daniel, late member of Police Department.

APPROVAL OF STATE BOARD OF HOUSING.

Notices were received from the State Board of Housing of approval of following expenditures:

Cottage Street Veterans' Housing Project, additional loam, $1,125.

River Street (25-c) Veterans' Housing Project, $219.20 for rock excavation.

River Street (17-B) Veterans' Housing Project, $335.40 for three-way polarized receptacles for washing machine use in 100-type houses.

River Street (36) Veterans' Housing Project, $396 for extra gravel fill.

Severally placed on file.

ACCEPTANCE OF CHAPTER 135, ACTS OF 1948.

Coun. HANNON and BRYAN offered the following:

Ordered, That chapter 135 of the Acts of 1948, entitled "An Act Providing that Police Officers of the City of Boston Shall Be Given an Additional Day Off Duty or under Certain Circumstances an Additional Day's Pay When They Are Required to Work on Certain Legal Holidays" be, and the same is, hereby accepted.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

NAMING OF SPACE FOR ROGER HENRY CONBOY, JR.

Coun. KEENAN offered the following:

Ordered, That the space at the junction of Welles avenue, Talbot avenue, and Alban street, Dorchester, be named in honor of Roger Henry Conboy, Jr., killed in the service of his country during World World II.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF POSITION OF DEPUTY FIRE CHIEFS.

Coun. KEENAN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Fire Commissioner confer with his Honor the Mayor relating to re-establishing the positions of deputy chiefs in the Boston Fire Department owing to the increase of new development in commercial industry in the City of Boston.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

USE OF CLIFF STREET PROPERTY AS WARD 12 PLAYGROUND.

Coun. COOK offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor, the City Council, and the Board of Real Estate Commissioners take such steps as are necessary to make the property at 15-25 Cliff street, Roxbury, available and maintained as a playground in Ward 12.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LICENSES.

Coun. COFFEY, for the Committee on Licneses, submitted the following:

Report on petition of Airways Transportation Company (referred November 22) for license to operate motor vehicles from Kenmore square to airport—recommending that license be granted.

The report was accepted, and the license was granted under usual conditions.

WIDENING RUTHERFORD AVENUE APPROACH TO CITY SQUARE.

Coun. KINSELLA offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to consult with the Boston Traffic Commission relative to the possibility of widening the Rutherford avenue approach into City square, Charlestown, at the corner of Rutherford avenue and City square on the inbound side.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

NAMING OF WARD 6 SQUARES FOR VETERANS.

Coun. WENZLER offered the following:

Ordered, That the Committee to Memorialize Veterans he requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to name the square at East Broadway and Farragut road in honor of S./Sgt. William Stanhope McIntyre who lost his life in Scotland on March 4, 1944, while in the United States Army Air Corps during World War II.

Ordered, That the Committee to Memorialize Veterans he requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to name the square at F and West Seventh streets in honor of John J. McHale, 1st Marines, 2nd Battalion, Company G. who lost his life on August 21, 1942, while in action at Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands, during World War II.

Severally passed under suspension of the rule.

RESURFACING OF LANE PARK, WARD 22.

Coun. SHANLEY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works he requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to resurface with smooth paving, Lane park, Ward 22.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

NAMING OF RALPH W. McISAAC SQUARE.

Coun. BRYAN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Committee to Memorialize Veterans he requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to name the space at the junction of La Grange and Vermont streets, Ward 20, Ralph W. McIsaac Square, in honor of Ralph W. McIsaac, late veteran of World War II.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

NAMING OF JOHN S. AND JOHN W. ZAPPALA SQUARE.

Coun. BRYAN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Committee to Memorialize Veterans be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to name the space at the junction of Wellsmere road and Washington street, Wards 18 and 20, Joseph S. and John W. Zappala Square, in honor of Joseph S. Zappala, killed at Pearl Harbor, and John W. Zappala, killed on a bombing mission over Germany, in the late war.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

INSTALLATION OF TRAFFIC SIGNALS, WASHINGTON AND BEECH STREETS.

Coun. BRYAN and CANTWELL offered the following:

Ordered, That the Traffic Commission he requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to install automatic traffic signals at Washington and Beech streets, Wards 18 and 20.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

RECESS.

On motion of Councilor Kinsella, the Council voted to take a recess at 2 p. m., subject to the call of the Chair. The members reassembled and were called to order by Chairman LINEHAN at 4 p. m.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Coun. McCORMACK, for the Executive Committee, submitted the following:

1. Report on petition of Marguerite E. Wonderly (referred October 5) to he paid annuity on account of death of her husband, Charles P. Wonderly, late member of the Police Department — recommending passage of accompanying order:

Ordered, That under the provisions of section 89A of chapter 32 of the General Laws, an annuity of $1,460 he allowed and paid to Marguerite E. Wonderly, widow of Charles P. Wonderly, a member of the Police Department who died on September 19, 1948, on account of injuries received in the performance of his duty; said annuity being made up of allowances as follows:

For the widow, Marguerite E. Wonderly, so long as she remains unmarried, $1,200 a year;

For the following-named child, during such time as she is under the age of 18 or over said age and physically or mentally incapacitated from earning, $260 a year; Carol Ann Wonderly (born September 24, 1933);

provided, however, that if the widow remarries the annuity for said child shall be $520 during the remainder of the time aforesaid; the annuity to become effective upon the date of the approval of this order by the Mayor, and to be charged to the appropriation for Police Department, Pensions and Annuities.

Report on petition (referred October 11) of Helen N. Walsh to he paid annuity on account of death of her husband, Frederick J. Walsh, late member of Fire Department—recommending passage of accompanying order:

Ordered, That under the provisions of section 89A of chapter 32 of the General Laws, an annuity

of $1,200 be allowed and paid to Helen N. Walsh, widow of Frederick J. Walsh, a member of the Fire Department who died on July 31, 1948, on account of injuries received in the performance of his duty; said annuity to continue so long as she remains unmarried; the annuity to become effective upon the date of the approval of this order by the Mayor, and to be charged to the appropriation for Fire Department, Pensions and Annuities.

The reports were accepted, and the orders were severally passed.

2. Report on message of Mayor and orders (referred today) for transfers of appropriations—recommending passage of orders with exception of the following three orders:

Transfer of $16,000 from Public Works Department, Lighting Service, B-8, to Health Department, B-17, Care of Persons; transfer of $5,000 from Public Works Department, Lighting Service, B-8, Light, Heat and Power, to Public Buildings Department, B-39, General Repairs; transfer of $2,000 from Special Appropriation, Bridges Repairs, etc., to Public Works Department, Bridge Service, E-1, Building.

The report was accepted, and the orders with the exception of the foregoing three orders were passed, yeas 14, nays 0:

Yeas—Councilors Ansel, Beades, Bryan, Chase, Cook, Keenan, Kinsella, Lanigan, Linehan, McCormack, Ramsey, Shanley, Sullivan, Wenzler—14.

Nays—0.

3. Report on order (referred today) that chapter 135 of Acts of 1948, providing that police officers be given an additional day off duty or under certain circumstances an additional day's pay when required to work on certain legal holidays—recommending passage of the order.

The report was accepted.

On motion of Councilor Sullivan, it was voted to recommit the order to the Executive Committee.

HIGHER MAXIMUM FOR LOW-RENT HOUSING.

Coun. RAMSEY offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor confer with the Housing Authority relative to eliminating the maximum of $2,150 for low-rent housing and establishing a $2,500 maximum.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

SPACE IN CONGESTED DISTRICTS FOR PARKING OF CARS.

Coun. RAMSEY offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor confer with Real Estate Commissioner Irving Lewis on the possibility of obtaining appropriate lands in congested districts where garage space is not available for cars, for the purpose of accommodating car owners who can't find garage space, and be it further

Ordered, That these parcels of land be leveled off, and in turn, the city issue permits for parking.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

USE OF PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS AS PARKING AREAS.

Couns. ANSEL and RAMSEY submitted the following:

Ordered, That the Park Commissioner, through his Honor the Mayor, order all parks and playgrounds to be used as parking areas of automobiles during the coming winter, and for signs to be placed thereon designating which parks to be used, and be it further ordered that the Public Works Commissioner be ordered to keep such spaces clean.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

Adjourned, on motion of Councilor Bryan, at 4.37 p. m., to meet on Monday, December 6, 1948, at 2 p. m.

Note: All debate of City Council eliminated from proceedings in accordance with Chapter 447, Acts of 1947.

(Stenographic copy of such debate on file in office of City Clerk.)

CITY OF BOSTON PRINTING DEPARTMENT

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of City Council.

Monday, December 6, 1948.

Regular meeting of the City Council held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 2 p. m., President HANNON in the chair. Absent, Councilor Carey.

The meeting was opened with the salute to the Flag.

JURORS DRAWN.

Jurors were drawn in the manner prescribed by law, the Mayor being absent, Councilor Lanigan drawing the 22 grand jurors, and Councilor Wenzler drawing the other jurors, viz.:

Twenty-two grand jurors, Superior Criminal Court, to appear January 3, 1949:

Joseph L. Abbott, Ward 2; John J. McCabe, Ward 2; Augustus K. Hatchfield, Ward 4; George A. Palmer, Ward 5; William H. McGrath, Ward 7; Arthur R. Kaskard, Ward 8; Walter S. Young, Ward 9; Lawrence T. Sullivan, Ward 10; Daniel J. Puccio, Ward 11; David H. London, Ward 14; Thomas P. Belton, Jr., Ward 15; William T. MacMelville, Ward 15; Frederick O'Brien, Ward 16; William Stamock, Ward 16; Jeremiah J. Hallisey, Ward 17; John Jackson, Ward 17; John J. Phelan, Ward 17; Oscar T. Andersen, Ward 18; Richard J. Glashcen, Ward 20; William G. Mercer, Ward 20; Walter E. Davis, Ward 21; Thomas E. Coffey, Ward 22.

Sixty-four traverse jurors, Superior Criminal Court, to appear January 3, 1949:

Benjamin Barr, Ward 1; William Buchanan, Ward 1; Michael M. Galante, Ward 1; James C. Samms, Jr., Ward 1; George F. White, Ward 1; Joseph Tassinari, Ward 2; Fred M. Sturnick, Ward 3; Frederick H. Larson, Ward 4; Walter J. Murray, Ward 4; Cecil C. Perkins, Ward 4; James A. Tamis, Ward 4; Frank W. Barry, Ward 6; William A. Newman, Ward 6; John D. Cummings, Ward 7; John L. Jacobbe, Ward 7; Dominic Montanino, Ward 7; James F. Nania, Ward 7; John L. Wall, Ward 7; Alexander Bendekgey, Ward 8; Thomas J. Cooney, Ward 8; Harry E. Day, Ward 8; Charles L. Locke, Ward 9; Armand P. Bisson, Ward 10; Percy B. Key, Ward 11; Benjamin Goldberg, Ward 12; Aaron Kovensky, Ward 12; David Mendelson, Ward 12; Joseph P. Dole, Ward 13; John Dooley, Ward 13; Lawrence F. Hohmann, Ward 13; Max Bookstein, Ward 14; Maxwell Freeman, Ward 14; Joseph Greenberg, Ward 14; David Harris, Ward 14; James Chichetto, Ward 15; Joseph M. Downey, Ward 15; George A. Moseley, Ward 15; Martin A. Raftery, Ward 15; Paul L. Wassiege, Ward 15; James A. Donnelly, Ward 16; Herbert F. Doolin, Ward 16; George M. Gelt, Ward 16; Everett E. MacKenzie, Ward 17; Francis G. McKinnon, Ward 17; George W. Wright, Ward 17; Robert Calpin, Ward 18; Raymond S. Clark, Ward 18; Clarence A. Gardner, Ward 18; Alfred McGillicuddy, Ward 18; David L. McLaughlin, Ward 18; Elbert W. Morse, Ward 18; Joseph A. O'Connell, Ward 18; Edward J. Sinclair, Ward 18; Frank Zokas, Ward 18; David P. Dakers, Ward 19; John E. Flynn, Ward 19; Patrick J. Ruane, Ward 19; Gerald M. Griffin, Ward 20; Joseph W. Martus, Ward 20; Stephen D. Merrick, Ward 20; David H. Berman, Ward 21; Mitchell Miller, Ward 21; William Poltorak, Ward 21; John F. Cusack, Ward 22.

One hundred seventy-three traverse jurors, Superior Civil Court, to appear January 3, 1949:

John J. Curran, Ward 1; Ralph DeFeo, Ward 1; Joseph P. Fleming, Ward 1; John G. Gardiner, Ward 1; William H. Phillips, Ward 1; Francis A. Thornton, Ward 1; Roderick J. D. Cushman, Ward 2; William J. Daley, Ward 2; Patrick Kearney, Ward 2; Joseph E. Melanson, Ward 2; Francis E. O'Connor, Ward 2; John B. Tague, Ward 2; William J. Foley, Ward 3; Joseph Moran, Ward 3; Henry J. Norman, Ward 3; Warren A. Hamilton, Ward 4; James D. Langdon, Ward 4; Frank I. London, Ward 4; Herbert A. T. Moore, Ward 4; Thomas Munroe, Ward 4; Victor Sauve, Ward 4; Ashbell B. Webb, Ward 4; Solomon Breslouf, Ward 5; George McAlpine, Ward 5; Alfred B. Tonner, Ward 5; Theodore Wagner, Ward 5; Stewart A. Webber, Ward 5; John J. Batts, Ward 6; Thomas F. Downey, Ward 6; Edward F. McCarron, Ward 6; William Mitchell, Ward 6; Jacob H. Bock, Ward 7; Arthur F. Carven, Ward 7; Richard T. Danna, Ward 7; Thomas P. Manning, Ward 7; William G. McCormack, Ward 7; Walter F. Murphy, Ward 7; William H. Ryan, Ward 7; Lewis R. Schultz, Ward 7; Patrick Shea, Ward 7; Francis T. Sullivan, Ward 7; Charles J. Delaney, Ward 8; William Frawley, Ward 8; Joseph A. Hartnett, Ward 8; Matthew C. Mullholland, Ward 8; George J. Saulnier, Ward 8; George M. White, Ward 8; Edward J. Ariel, Ward 9; Louis Philip Costa, Ward 9; Arthur B. Harrold, Ward 9; Nathaniel G. White, Ward 9; John J. Hennessy, Ward 10; Xavier John Kennedy, Ward 10; William F. Niland, Ward 10; Michael J. O'Rourke, Ward 10; Joseph H. Radley, Ward 10; Thomas B. Towle, Ward 10; Martin Walsh, Ward 10; Frederick Brinkert, Ward 11; James Costello, Ward 11; William J. Malloy, Ward 11; John A. Mitchell, Ward 11; Charles J. Moloney, Ward 11; Joseph A. Pierce, Ward 11; Clarence F. Shaw, Ward 11.

D. Clarence Atkins, Ward 12; Arthur Bridgeforth, Ward 12; William J. Crahan, Ward 12; George C. Kealey, Ward 12; Edward W. Meade, Ward 12; Lewis G. Murray, Ward 12; Abraham Sherman, Ward 12; Arthur V. Showstead, Ward 12; Francis T. Belliveau, Ward 13; John F. Cudmore, Ward 13; Michael A. Glynn, Ward 13; Daniel E. Hickey, Ward 13; Martin Kerrigan, Ward 13; George Robertson, Ward 13; William J. Smith, Ward 13; John V. Sullivan, Ward 13; Harold N. Swift, Ward 13; Samuel Bloomfield, Ward 14; Benjamin Brooks, Ward 14; James L. Flynn, Ward 14; Isaac Gelles, Ward 14; Harry Goldberg, Ward 14; Harry Grossman, Ward 14; Harry E. Goldberg, Ward 14; Samuel D. Hark, Ward 14; Norman Herman, Ward 14; Paul M. Hession, Ward 14; Benjamin Hillman, Ward 14; Abraham G. Keller, Ward 14; Henry M. McDermott, Ward 14; Joseph Natelson, Ward 14; Morris Pookatch, Ward 14; Hyman Rosenberg, Ward 14; Henry P. Sahl, Ward 14; William J. Cargill, Ward 15; John W. Driscoll, Ward 15; Arthur B. Ferrin, Ward 15; Thomas E. Gannon, Ward 15; Joseph William LaPoint, Ward 15; Paul F. Morehouse, Ward 15; Edward J. Morrissey, Ward 15; Leonard J. Rogers, Ward 15; Charles W. Weddleton, Ward 15; Harold L. Dawson, Ward 16; Michael Foley, Ward 16; Francis O. Follen, Ward 16; Charles E. Hebert, Ward 16; John F. Mahoney, Ward 16; George W. Murphy, Ward 16; Joseph P. Ratigan, Ward 16; William Stevens, Ward 16; Chester G. Theall, Ward 16; Stanley J. Babbitt, Ward 17; Raymond F. Fields, Ward 17; John R. Killgoar, Ward 17; Gerald J. McCarthy, Ward 17; Thomas F. Mowler, Ward 17; Gerald W. Routh, Ward 17; James H. Sheehan, Ward 17; Nicholas A. Corea, Ward 18; John F. Delaney, Ward 18; John W. Doyle, Ward 18; Edward S. Goralsky, Ward 18; Philip Johnson, Ward 18; Rodolphe J. Labbe, Ward 18; Paul F. Lawler, Ward 18; Herbert Mahoney, Ward 18; Allen A. Nierman, Ward 18; Maurice Perlis, Ward 18; John S. Ramos, Ward 18; Orpheus J. Rossi, Ward 18; Joseph Spezzano, Ward 18; William T. Taylor, Ward 18; Raymond J. Wilder, Ward 18; Frank A. Holley, Ward 19; A. Harold Lorey, Ward 19; Archie J. McIsaac, Ward 19; Arnold S. Meyer, Ward 19; John Peterson, Ward 19; Edward R. Walsh, Ward 19; Robert W. Daly, Ward 20; Basil B. Davison, Ward 20; John Joseph Ford, Ward 20; Gerald Hill, Ward 20; Martin F. Kelly, Ward 20; Robert E. Kullich, Ward 20; Joseph C. Mitzcavitch, Ward 20; Lloyd Axelrod, Ward 21; Charles A. Brett, Ward 21; Harry Cohen, Ward 21; Melvin R. Crowell, Ward 21; William E. Daley, Ward 21; William H. Garvin, Ward 21; William J. Langworthy, Ward 21; Abraham A. Meister, Ward 21; Raymond R. Neefus, Ward 21; William J. O'Donnell, Ward 21; Benjamin Rothberg, Ward 21; Alfred E. Vytal, Ward 21; Weston V. Batchelder, Ward 22; Thomas C. Blewitt, Ward 22; David J. Coleman, Ward 22; Daniel F. Crane, Ward 22; Frank J. Hiatt, Ward 22; Robert W. Holmes, Ward 22; Charles L. Murphy, Ward 22; James J. O'Sullivan, Ward 22; David V. Walsh, Ward 22.

TRANSFER OF BOWDOIN SCHOOL PLAYGROUND TO PARK DEPARTMENT.

The following were received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, December 3, 1948.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Law Department relative to your order of November 8, 1948, concerning the drafting of an order transferring the care, custody, and control of the so-called Bowdoin School Playground on Myrtle street, Ward 5, from the School Department to the Park Department.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Law Department, December 1, 1948.

Mr. Lawrence P. Gilligan,
Chief Clark, Mayor's Office.
Dear Mr. Gilligan:

I have your recent letter enclosing an attested Council order wherein the City Council requested that a proper order be drafted by this department transferring the care, custody, and control of the Bowdoin School Playground on Myrtle street from the School Department to the Park Department.

It is advised that special legislation will be required to effect the desired transition. Assistant Superintendent Michael J. Downey of the School Department has recently filed a legislative bill which will provide the authority for this transfer.

Yours very truly,
JOSEPH A. SCOLPONETI,
Corporation Counsel.

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City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, November 29, 1948.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I beg to forward herewith reply to the order recently adopted by your Honorable Body requesting that the School Committee "officially authorize the Park Commission to use, occupy, and maintain the so-called Bowdoin School Playground on Myrtle street until such time as its care and custody is permanently transferred to the Park Department."

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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The School Committee of the City of Boston,
November 24, 1948.

Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.
Dear Sir:

At a conference of the School Committee held on November 16, 1948, I presented the order of the City Council, passed at the meeting of November 8, 1948, requesting the School Committee, through your Honor, "to officially authorize the Park Commission to use, occupy, and maintain the so-called Bowdoin School Playground on Myrtle street until such time as its care and custody is permanently transferred to the Park Department."

The Committee directed me to inform your Honor that it has taken the order of the City Council under advisement.

Very truly yours,
LOUISE KANE, Secretary.

Severally placed on file.

HEALY PLAYGROUND IMPROVEMENTS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, December 1, 1948.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Park Department, relative to your order of November 22, 1948, concerning installation of a basketball court on the Healy Playground, and also the repairing of the tennis courts and the backstop in the above-mentioned playground.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Park Department, November 29, 1948.

Mr. Lawrence P. Gilligan,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Sir:

I desire to acknowledge your memorandum, with enclosure, City Council order requesting the Park Commission to include sufficient money in their 1949 budget to provide for the installation of a basketball court on the Healy Playground, and to put in proper repair the tennis courts and the backstop in the above-mentioned playground.

I wish to state that I will submit to the Budget Commissioner, within the next few weeks when the budget is being submitted to him, the proper estimate of the cost of doing the above-mentioned work at the Healy Playground.

Very truly yours,
JOHN J. MURPHY, Chairman.

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WALKS AROUND JAMAICA POND.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, December 1, 1948.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Park Department, relative to your order of November 22, 1948, concerning the placing of the walks around Jamaica Pond in first-class condition.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Park Department, November 29, 1948.

Mr. Lawrence P. Gilligan,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Sir:

I desire to acknowledge your memorandum, with enclosure, City Council order of November 22, 1948, requesting the Park Commission to include sufficient money in their 1949 budget to put the walks around Jamaica Pond in first-class condition.

I wish to state that I will submit to the Budget Commissioner an estimate of the cost of doing the above-mentioned work as requested by the City Council.

Yours very truly,
JOHN J. MURPHY, Chairman.

Placed on file.

GARVEY PLAYGROUND IMPROVEMENTS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, December 1, 1948.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Park Department, relative to your order of November 22, 1948, concerning the filling in of the Garvey Playground in Neponset, and the repairing of the tennis courts so that they may be available for use, and for other general repairs that may be necessary in connection with this playground.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Park Department, November 29, 1948.

Mr. Lawrence P. Gilligan,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Sir:

I have your memorandum, with enclosure, City Council order of November 22, 1948, requesting the Park Commission to include in its budget for 1949 a sum sufficient to provide for filling in the Garvey Playground in Neponset, for repairing the tennis courts so that they may be available for use, and for any general repairs that may be necessary on this playground.

In accordance with this request I will submit to the Budget Commissioner, within the next few weeks when the budget is being submitted to him, an estimate of the cost of filling in the lowlands of the playground nearest the parkway and also putting on a surface on the tennis courts, and any other improvements that might come to my mind at the same time.

Yours very truly,
JOHN J. MURPHY, Chairman.

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USE OF PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS AS PARKING AREAS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, December 6, 1948.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Park Department relative to your order of November 29, 1948, concerning the using of all parks and playgrounds as parking areas for automobiles during the coming winter, and also that signs be ere ted thereon designating which parks are to be used.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Park Department, December 3, 1948.

Lawrence P. Gilligan,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.

Dear Sir:

I desire to acknowledge your memorandum with enclosure, City Council order of November 29, 1948, requesting the Park Commissioner to order all parks and playgrounds to be used as parking areas for automobiles during the coming winter and that signs be placed thereon designating which parks are to be used, and to be further ordered that the Public Works Commissioner be ordered to keep such spaces clean.

I feel that any kind of an open air parking lot for the storage of motor cars during the winter season must have a firm hard surface. It should be enclosed by a fence, with one or two entrances, with a man in charge at the entrances. A watchman should be on duty at night, otherwise the cars would be stripped during the night.

Any open air parking lot could be a fire menace. All one would have to do would be to drop one match or lighted cigarette near the gasoline tank of one of the cars and there would be a big fire loss. Due to the soft condition of most playground surfaces it would be difficult to keep them plowed and keep the areas open. In the spring the soft areas would be rutted and where there was grass there would be none. Children using the playgrounds would be in constant danger from cars entering and leaving the parking lots.

I have my doubts as to whether a public park or playground could be used legally for the purpose of storing automobiles. I doubt, too, if cars could be parked on such properties and be covered by the insurance necessary, including fire insurance.

An opinion from the Corporation Counsel as to whether or not such a use of a public park or playground would be legal, is necessary, also an opinion from the Fire Commissioner as to whether or not the storage of cars in this way would be within the fire laws.

I feel that even then, if it could be done, it should be only considered where it is a public emergency and where the areas have a hard surface and not flooded for skating.

There are, no doubt, many vacant lots in certain sections of the city which could be privately operated as open air parking lots. I feel this should be investigated so as to try to use these lots in the city, some of which have been used as parking lots but for some reason are not used for that purpose in the winter time, also other lots that might be used—and all to be privately operated.

Shortly it is planned to have a one session school day for the youngsters attending the elementary schools. The school day session is to end at 2 p. m. This will mean more daylight for play. The children should not be forced to play on the streets and be deprived of using the playgrounds.

We are scheduled to flood our playgrounds very soon. We hope to have good freezing weather so that we can try, as we have planned, to have better ice surfaces. In my opinion, I would rather take care of the youngsters than the matter of the cars, which, I believe would not work out satisfactorily at most locations.

Very truly yours,
JOHN J. MURPHY, Chairman.

Placed on file.

APPROPRIATION FROM PARKMAN FUND INCOME.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, December 6, 1948.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I am in receipt of the attached communication from the Board of Park Commissioners requesting the appropriation of $7,500 from the income of the George F. Parkman Fund, to be expended under the direction of the Board of Park Commissioners, for the Maintenance and Improvement of the Common and Parks in Existence on January 12, 1887.

The 1948 budget estimates of the personal service requirements of the Park Department included an estimate of the total income of $170,000 from the Parkman Fund. The budget allowances made provision for the appropriation of this income as it accrued for the purpose of defraying the cost of work actually performed on the Common and Parks in Existence on January 12, 1887.

I submit herewith an order appropriating the sum of $7,500, the accrued income now available from the Parkman Fund, and respectfully recommend its immediate passage by your Honorable Body.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Park Department, December 1, 1948.

Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Sir:

By vote of the Board of Park Commissioners, you are respectfully asked to request the City Council to transfer from the income of the George F. Parkman Fund the sum of $7,500 which is now available, to be expended under the direction of the Board of Park Commissioners, as follows:

Common and Parks in Existence on January 12, 1887, Maintenance and Improvement of..... $7,500

When making up the budget estimates for the year 1948, a sum equal to the total yearly income of the George F. Parkman Fund was deducted from Item A-1, Permanent Employees, with the understanding that this deduction was to be replaced by the total yearly income of said Parkman Fund for 1948, to be transferred as it accrued, from time to time during the year, to the regular maintenance appropriation of the Park Department.

Respectfully yours,
JOHN J. MURPHY, Chairman.

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Ordered, That the sum of $7,500 be, and hereby is, appropriated from the income of the George F. Parkman Fund, to be expended under the direction of the Park Commissioners, for the Maintenance and Improvement of the Common and Parks in Existence on January 12, 1887, as follows:

Common and Parks in Existence on January 12, 1887, Maintenance and Improvement of..... $7,500

Referred to the Committee on Parkman Fund.

TRANSFERS OF APPROPRIATIONS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, December 6, 1948.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

The enclosed requests for transfer of appropriations, together with the accompanying orders, are forwarded for consideration and adoption by your Honorable Body.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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Ordered, That in accordance with the provisions of section 3B of chapter 486 of the Acts of 1909,

as amended by chapter 604 of the Acts of 1941, the City Auditor be, and hereby is, authorized to transfer:

From the appropriation for City Debt Requirements, Interest, $30,000, to the appropriation for Special Appropriation, Contingent Fund, $30,000.

Ordered, That in accordance with the provisions of section 3B of chapter 486 of the Acts of 1909, as amended by chapter 604 of the Acts of 1941, the City Auditor be, and hereby is, authorized to transfer:

From the appropriation for Suffolk County Court House, Custodian, C-3, Electrical, $500, to the appropriation for Municipal Court, West Roxbury District, A-2, Temporary Employees, $300; B-13, Communication, $100, D-1, Office, $100.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received and referred to the committees named, viz.:

Claims.

Wilbert L. Ambrose et al. for compensation for damage to property at 689A and 691 East Fourth street, caused by ladder truck No. 3.

Harry and Alice Carande, for compensation for injuries and damage to property at Congress and Milk streets, caused by police cruising car.

Nicholas Cipoletto, to be reimbursed as result of accident which occurred while in performance of duty.

Frederick J. Collins, to be reimbursed as result of accident which occurred while in performance of duty.

Mrs. P. Damiano, for compensation for damage to property at 91 Ashley street, caused by backing up of sewage.

Charles C. Kenney, Jr., to be reimbursed as result of accident which occurred while in performance of duty.

Roy B. Langill, to be reimbursed as result of accident which occurred while in performance of duty.

Bessie D. Locke, to be reimbursed for unused building permit.

Silas McNeil, for compensation for damage to property at 83 Ferrin street, Charlestown, during resurfacing of Ferrin street.

Hilda S. Meshon, for compensation for damage to car by city vehicle.

John T. Nolan, to be reimbursed as result of accident which occurred while in performance of duty.

Alice T. O'Donnell, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at 386 Market street, Brighton.

Thomas J. Riley, to be reimbursed as result of accident which occurred while in performance of duty.

Emily Scotborne, for compensation for damage to car caused by an alleged defect in Old Colony Parkway.

Abraham Taitelbaum, for compensation for damage to car by city truck.

Anthony Wolf, for compensation for damage to car by city vehicle.

Ida E. Wolpert, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at 316 Blue Hill avenue.

Executive.

Petition of Elizabeth M. Brillante, to be paid annuity on account of death of her husband, Charles A. Brillante, late member of Police Department.

Petition of Mary L. Jones, to be paid an annuity on account of death of her husband, George A. Jones, late member of Fire Department.

EXEMPTION OF SCHOOL CUSTODIANS FROM 40-HOUR WEEK.

A communication was received from William V. Ward, President of Massachusetts Council of A. F. of L. Municipal Employees' Unions protesting exemption of school custodians from 40-hour week.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

RETIREMENT OF ELLENA M. FOLEY.

The following was received:

Charlestown Municipal Court,
November 30, 1948.

County Commissioners,
Suffolk County, Boston.

Dear Sirs:

Ellena M. Foley, probation officer of this court reaches the age of 70 years on December 9, 1948. Under the provisions of chapter 32, section 75, of the General Laws, she must be retired on that date.

It is respectfully asked that you give this matter proper direction.

Respectfully,
James J. Mullen, Clerk.

Ordered, That under chapter 32, sections 75 and 76 of the General Laws, as amended by chapter 323 of the Acts of 1938, the retirement and placing upon the pension roll of Ellena M. Foley, probation officer of the Municipal Court of the Charlestown District, at an annual pension of $1,500, being one-half of her present annual salary of $3,000, to take effect December 9, 1948, be, and hereby is approved.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

APPOINTMENT OF THOMAS A. CRONIN.

Notice was received from the Board of Commissioners of School Buildings of appointment of Thomas A. Cronin of Boston, as member of Board of Commissioners of School Buildings for term ending December 1, 1951.

Placed on file.

HEARINGS BEFORE PUBLIC UTILITIES DEPARTMENT.

Notices were received from the Department of Public Utilities of the follwoing hearings:

Propriety of discontinuance of certain trains and changes in schedule of New York Central Railroad, December 22, 1948, at 10 a. m.

Property of rates and charges filed by Boston, Worcester & New York Street Railway Company, January 18, 1949, at 10 a.m.

Severally placed on file.

APPROVAL OF CONSTABLES' BONDS.

The constables' bonds of the following, having been approved by the City Treasurer, were received and approved, viz.: Frank A. Roche, Louis Yacker.

ALTERATION OF SECTION OF STATE HIGHWAY LOCATION.

Notice was received from the State Department of Public Works of alteration of location of section of state highway laid out in East Boston in 1948, accompanied by plan and certification of said change.

Placed on file.

RESOLUTION OF REVERE CITY COUNCIL RE M.T.A. ASSESSMENT.

A resolution of the Revere City Council, passed November 15, 1948, protesting excessive assessment of Metropolitan Transit Authority deficit was received.

Placed on file.

CITY VOTE ON LICENSE QUESTIONS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Board of Election Commissioners,
November 23, 1948.

Mr. John B. Hynes, City Clerk.

Dear Sir:

We hereby certify that at the State Election held November 2, 1948, the vote upon the license questions in this city was as follows:

A. Shall licenses be granted in this city (or town) for the sale therein of all alcoholic beverages

(whisky, rum, gin, malt beverages, wines and all other alcoholic beverages)

Yes.....236,829
No.....46,668

B. Shall licenses be granted in this city (or town) for the sale therein of wines and malt beverages (wines and beer, ale and all other malt beverages)

Yes.....222,131
No.....40,358

C. Shall licenses be granted in this city (or town) for the sale therein of all alcoholic beverages in packages, so called, not to be drunk on the premises

Yes.....227,256
No.....38,095

Very truly yours,
J. JOSEPH CONNORS,
EVERETT R. PROUT,
JOSEPH A. LANGONE, JR.
GERTRUDE A. PFAU,
Commissioners.

Placed on file.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONFIRMATIONS.

Coun. ANSEL, for the Committee on Confirmations, submitted the following:

Report on appointment by the Mayor (referred November 29) of Joseph Ackman, to be Constable, authorized to serve civil process upon filing of bond, for term ending April 30, 1949—that appointment be confirmed.

Report on appointments by the Mayor (referred November 22) of Gerald D. Thurston, James F. Kiely, and Percy W. Goodwin, to be Weighers of Goods, for term ending April 30, 1949—that appointments be confirmed.

Report on appointment by the Mayor (referred November 22) of Sarah Tucker, to be a Weigher of Coal, for term ending April 30, 1949—that appointment be confirmed.

Report on appointments by the Mayor (referred November 29) of Charles Stearns and Robert W. Lang, to be Weighers of Coal, for term ending April 30, 1949—that appointments be confirmed.

The reports were accepted, and the question came on confirmation. Committee, Councilors Bryan and Kinsella. Whole number of ballots 13, yeas 13, and the appointments were confirmed.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ORDINANCES.

Coun. HURLEY, for the Committee on Ordinances, submitted the following:

Report on ordinance (referred November 22) concerning salary schedules of certain employees of the City Council—that same ought to pass.

The report was accepted, and the ordinance was passed.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PARKMAN FUND.

Coun. LANE, for the Committee on Parkman Fund, submitted the following:

Report on message of the Mayor and order (referred today) for appropriation of $7,500 from income of Parkman Fund, to be expended under direction of Park Commissioners—that same ought to pass.

The report was accepted, and the order was passed, yeas 18, nays 0:

Yeas—Councilors Ansel, Beades, Bryan, Cantwell, Coffey, Hannon, Hurley, Keenan, Kinsella, Lane, Lanigan, Linehan, McCormack, Shanley, Sullivan, Tracy, Wenzler, Yerxa—18.

Nays—0.

RECESS.

On motion of Councilor Sullivan, the Council voted to take a recess at 2.30 p. m., subject to the call of the Chair. The members reassembled and were called to order by President HANNON at 4.15 p. m.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONFIRMATIONS.

Coun. ANSEL, for the Committee on Confirmations, submitted the following:

Report on appointment by the Mayor (referred November 29) of William J. DuRoss, to be Constable, authorized to serve civil process upon filing of bond, for term ending April 30, 1949—recommending that appointment be confirmed.

The report was accepted, and the question came on confirmation. Committee, Councilors Shanley and Wenzler. Whole number of ballots 17, yeas 17, and the appointment was confirmed.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Coun. McCORMACK, for the Executive Committee, submitted the following:

1. Report on order (referred November 29) accepting chapter 135, Acts of 1948, providing that police officers of city be given additional day off duty or under certain circumstances an additional day's pay when required to work on certain legal holidays—that same ought to pass.

Report accepted; said order passed.

2. Report on message of the Mayor and order (referred November 29) that Penal Institutions Commissioner sell to highest bidder 100 surplus pigs at House of Correction, Deer Island—that same ought to pass.

Report accepted; said order passed.

3. Report on order (referred today) for retirement of Ellena M. Foley, probation officer of Municipal Court of Charlestown District, at annual pension of $1,500—that same ought to pass.

Report accepted; said order passed.

4. Report on message of the Mayor and order (referred November 29) transferring $2,000 from Special Appropriation, Bridges, Repairs, etc., to Public Works Department, Bridge Service, E-1, Building—that same ought to pass.

Report on message of Mayor and orders for transfers of departmental appropriations (referred today)—that same ought to pass.

The reports were accepted, and the orders were severally passed, yeas 16, nay 0:

Yeas—Councilors Ansel, Beades, Bryan, Chase, Hannon, Keenan, Kinsella, Lane, Lanigan, Linehan, McCormack, Ramsey, Shanley, Sullivan, Wenzler, Yerxa—16.

Nays—0.

5. Report on message of Mayor and order (referred November 29) on transfer of $5,000 from Public Works Department, Lighting Service, B-8, Light, Heat and Power, to Public Buildings Department, B-39, General Repairs—that same ought not to pass.

The report was accepted, and the question came on the passage or rejection of the order. On motion of Councilor Ramsey the order was recommitted to the Executive Committee.

CERTAIN 6-CENT FARES ON M.T.A.

Coun. WENZLER offered the following:

Ordered, That the Metropolitan Transit Authority be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to consider the advisability of charging a 6-cent fare to passengers on the Bay View bus line who do not receive transfers.

Ordered, That the Metropolitan Transit Authority be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to consider the advisability of charging a 6-cent fare to passengers boarding bus outside Broadway and Andrew Square Stations to City Point; also a 6-cent fare to passengers on North Station or Dudley Street cars before they enter the Andrew Square or Broadway Stations.

Severally passed under suspension of the rule.

LIFTING OF BAN ON GAMES OF CHANCE.

Coun. ANSEL offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to confer with the Police Commissioner of the City of Boston as to instructing Deputy Superintendent James F. Sheehan to withhold enforcement of his directive to police officials to

ban and prosecute all games of chance being sponsored by religious, charitable, veteran, and civic organizations, and that said Deputy Superintendent Sheehan be further instructed to continue to permit the completion of drawings now in progress by the above organizations, and that the Police Commissioner discuss this proposed ban with religious, veteran, and civic leaders of our city before any future policy is established by the Police Department.

The order was passed under suspension of the rule.

IMPROVEMENTS TO FRANKLIN PARK.

Coun. TRACY, COOK, AND ANSEL offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to direct the Park Commission to set up baseball diamonds and adequate playground facilities in the unused portion of the playstead area in Franklin Park.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

REINSTATEMENT OF VINCENT A. HARROLD TO FORMER POSITION.

Coun. LANE offered the following:

Whereas, The appointment of Vincent A. Harrold, a disabled veteran of World War II, was highly and unanimously acclaimed by all veteran organizations in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts; and

Whereas, This appointment of Mr. Harrold to the position of Assistant Expediter in the State Housing Board, at a salary of $4,300 per year, gave Mr. Harrold the opportunity of serving his community, the Commonwealth and his fellow-veterans under the provisions of chapter 200 of the Acts of 1948; and

Whereas, Mr. Harrold faithfully and efficiently served in this capacity of Assistant Expediter of State Housing from July, 1948, to December 1, 1948, without complaint, or criticism; and

Whereas, His political views, during the election of last November, did not coincide with the views of his superior, Albert S. Bigelow, he was reduced in position and salary on December 1, 1948 to the position of senior clerk at a salary of $1,980 per year; and

Whereas, This penalty was imposed upon Mr. Harrold solely because of his difference of political opinion; therefore be it

Resolved, That the City Council, in meeting assembled, urge the Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to take immediate steps to insure the reinstatement of said Vincent A. Harrold to the position of Assistant Expediter in the State Housing Board at a salary of $4,300 per year; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be forthwith transmitted to His Excellency Robert Fiske Bradford, the Governor of our Commonwealth, for his immediate consideration and action.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CLAIMS.

Coun. LANIGAN, for the Committee on Claims, submitted the following:

Report on petition of Carmine Dacerno, (referred November 22) to be reimbursed as a result of execution issued against him on account of his acts as operator of motor truck belonging to Highway Division, Public Works Department—recommending passage of accompanying order, viz.:

Ordered, That the sum of one hundred dollars ($100) be allowed and paid to Carmine Dacerno in reimbursement for amount of execution issued against him on account of his acts as operator of motor truck belonging to the Highway Division, Public Works Department, said sum to be charged to the Contingent Fund.

Report on petition of Lawrence D. MacDougall, (referred November 22) to be reimbursed as result of an execution issued against him on account of his acts as operator of motor apparatus belonging to Fire Department—recommending passage of accompanying order, viz.:

Ordered, That the sum of five hundred dollars ($500) be allowed and paid to Lawrence D. MacDougall in reimbursement for amount of execution issued against him on account of his acts as operator of motor apparatus belonging to the Fire Department, said sum to be charged to the Contingent Fund.

Report on petition of George M. Neill, (referred November 15) to be reimbursed as a result of an execution issued against him on account of his acts as operator of motor vehicle belonging to Police Department — recommending passage of accompanying order, viz:

Ordered, That the sum of forty-four dollars and eighty-seven cents ($44.87) be allowed and paid to George M. Neill in reimbursement for amount of execution issued against him on account of his acts as operator of motor vehicle belonging to the Police Department, said sum to be charged to the Contingent Fund.

Reports accepted; said orders severally passed.

CHANGE OF CERTAIN CAR STOPS, DORCHESTER.

Coun. RAMSEY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Metropolitan Transit Authority be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to change the car stop at the corner of Winter and Bowdoin streets, Dorchester, outbound to Fields Corner, to a point at least 25 feet outbound towards Fields Corner as it is now on a crosswalk; also to move the car stop at the corner of Olney and Bowdoin streets, on the outbound side, to a point 25 feet outbound as it is now at the intersection of said streets and is very dangerous.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

AQUARIUM IMPROVEMENTS.

Coun. LINEHAN and WENZLER offered the following:

Ordered, That the Park Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to include in its budget for 1949 a sum sufficient to provide for necessary repairs to the outside and inside of the South Boston Aquarium, including the tanks, and also for replenishing the supply of various species of fish.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

COLUMBUS PARK IMPROVEMENTS.

Coun. LINEHAN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Park Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to include in its budget for 1949 a sum sufficient to provide for the laying out, improvement, etc., of baseball and softball diamonds, with the necessary backstops, at Columbus Park, South Boston.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

REQUESTED TRANSFER IN STREET LIGHTING APPROPRIATION.

Coun. SHANLEY offered the following:

Ordered, That through his Honor the Mayor, the Public Works Commission be informed to transfer a proportion of money in B-8 Item, Contractual Services in the Street Lighting Division, to the B-42 Items, Contractual Services of Street Lighting Division.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

KIRKWOOD AND RADNOR ROADS AS ONE-WAY STREETS.

Coun. SHANLEY offered the following:

Ordered, That through his Honor the Mayor, the Traffic Commission be informed to make a study of Kirkwood and Radnor roads as to the advisability of making them one-way streets in order to alleviate the traffic conditions during the winter months.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

NOTICE OF HEARINGS ON LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATIONS.

Coun. BRYAN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to notify all public officials, in the various Boston wards affected, at least one week before the date of any hearing on any appeal regarding applications for liquor licenses so that they may have an opportunity to notify civic organizations in their district in order that they may attend said hearing and register their views.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

CO-ORDINATION OF WORK IN HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS.

Coun. BRYAN offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to confer with the Boston Housing Authority and Commissioner of Public Works with a view to having them work simultaneously during future construction of housing developments so that sewerage, water, electricity, gas, and street work may be done at the same time.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

HOT LUNCHES FOR CERTAIN SCHOOL CHILDREN.

Coun. BEADES offered the following:

Ordered, That the School Committee be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to include in its budget for 1949 a sum sufficient to provide hot lunches for children in the lower grades who will come under the new single session arrangement.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

INFORMATION FROM FINANCE COMMISSION ON ASH AND REFUSE DISPOSAL CONTRACT.

Coun. CHASE offered the following:

Resolved, That the Boston City Council, in regular meeting assembled, respectfully requests the Boston Finance Commission to explain the reasons why the $500,000 ash and refuse disposal contract is continually awarded to the Coleman Company without competition from other qualified contractors in New England; and be it further

Resolved, That the Boston Finance Commission advise the Council whether or not it would be feasible and worth-while for the city to perform this work.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

Adjourned, on motion of Councilor McCormack, at 5.10 p. m., to meet on Monday, December 13, 1948, at 2 p. m.

Note: All debate of City Council eliminated from proceedings in accordance with Chapter 447, Acts of 1947.

(Stenographic copy of such debate on file in office of City Clerk.)

CITY OF BOSTON PRINTING DEPARTMENT

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of City Council.

Monday, December 13, 1948.

Regular meeting of the City Council held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 2 p. m., President HANNON in the chair. Absent, Councilors Kinsella, Lanigan, and Yerxa.

The meeting was opened with the salute to the Flag.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR.

Subject to confirmation by the Council, the Mayor submitted the following appointments:

Constables for term ending April 30, 1949, not authorized to serve civil process, and to serve without bond: George F. Casey, 1334 Commonwealth avenue, Allston, Mass.; Louis Pollock, 327 Seaver street, Dorchester, Mass.; Joseph J. Henaghan, 8 Harvard avenue, Dorchester, Mass.

George L. Keefe, Superintendent of Wayfarers' Lodge, 30 Hawkins street, as Measurer of Wood and Bark, for term ending April 30, 1949.

Severally referred to Committee on Confirmations.

BRANCH LIBRARIES, FOREST HILLS AND EGLESTON SQUARE.

The following were received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, December 8, 1948.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Boston Public Library relative to your order of November 8, 1948, concerning the establishment of a branch library in the vicinity of Forest Hills, Ward 19.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Library Department, December 6, 1948.

Mr. Lawrence P. Gilligan,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.

Dear Mr. Gilligan:

On November 12, 1948, there was transmitted to the trustees of the Public Library an order of the City Council dated November 8, 1948, requesting that the trustees of the Public Library include in their 1949 budget a sum sufficient to establish a branch library in the vicinity of Forest Hills in Ward 19.

Under separate cover the trustees of the Public Library have made a presentation to his Honor the Mayor setting forth the several sections of the city which are now requesting branch library or reading room coverage and bringing before him suggested possibilities for action in the course of the year 1949. Presumably such action as may be possible for any one of these several areas of the city now without library coverage will depend upon whatever may be found possible by his Honor the Mayor in terms of the above-mentioned presentation.

If there is further information which you need, I shall be glad to attempt to provide such.

Yours sincerely,
MILTON E. LORD, Director.

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City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, December 8, 1948.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Library Department relative to your order of November 8, 1948, concerning the establishment of library facilities in the Egleston Square section of Ward 11.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Library Department December 6, 1948.

Mr. Lawrence P. Gilligan,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.

Dear Mr. Gilligan:

On November 12, 1948, you transmitted to the trustees of the Public Library an order of the City Council requesting the establishment of library facilities in the Egleston Square section of Ward 11.

Under separate cover the trustees of the Public Library have made a presentation to his Honor the Mayor setting forth the several sections of the city which are now requesting branch library or reading room coverage and bringing before him suggested possibilities for action in the course of the year 1949. Presumably such action as may be possible for any one of these several areas of the city now without library coverage will depend upon whatever may be found possible by his Honor the Mayor in terms of the above-mentioned presentation.

If there is further information which you need, I shall be glad to attempt to provide such.

Yours sincerely,
MILTON E. LORD, Director.

Severally placed on file.

SALARY OF CHIEF ENGINEER, CITY HOSPITAL.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, December 8, 1948.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Boston City Hospital relative to your order of November 22, 1948, to include in their annual budget sufficient funds to pay the Chief Engineer of that institution a salary commensurate with his duties and obligations.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Hospital Department, December 3, 1948.

Mr. Lawrence P. Gilligan,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.

Dear Mr. Gilligan:

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees held on December 3, it was voted to refer to the next budget Council order of November 22, 1948, requesting the trustees of the Boston City Hospital to include in their annual budget sufficient funds to pay the Chief Engineer of that institution a salary commensurate with his duties and obligations.

Very truly yours,
JAMES W. MANARY, M. D.,
Superintendent.

Placed on file.

CLEAN-UP CAMPAIGN, WARD 14 STREETS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, December 13, 1948.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Public Works Department relative to your order of November 15, 1948, concerning a clean-up campaign of streets throughout the Ward 14 section of Boston.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Public Works Department,
December 9, 1948.

To Lawrence P. Gilligan, Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.

From Robert P. Curley, Commissioner, Public Works Department.

Subject: Order in Council, November 15, 1948.

Receipt is acknowledged of your memorandum of November 17, attaching order in Council, under date of November 15, 1948, as follows:

"Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor,

to start a clean-up campaign of streets throughout the Ward 14 section of Boston."

Report has been received by the Sanitary Division, from the foreman in charge of street-cleaning in the Ward 14 district. The majority of these streets have been thoroughly cleaned since November 15, and the work of cleaning the remainder is being rushed as much as possible.

ROBERT P. CURLEY,
Commissioner of Public Works.

Placed on file.

RESURFACING OF LANE PARK, WARD 22.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, December 8, 1948.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Commissioner of Public Works, relative to your order of November 29, 1948, concerning the resurfacing with smooth paving of Lane park, Ward 22.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Public Works Department,
December 3, 1948.

Mr. Lawrence P. Gilligan,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Sir:

I return herewith order in City Council that the Commissioner of Public Works resurface with smooth paving Lane park, Ward 22, and this will advise you that it is too late in the season to have this work performed this year, but this street will be put on the list of streets to be given consideration during the year 1949.

Very truly yours,
ROBERT P. CURLEY,
Commissioner of Public Works.

Placed on file.

INCOME LIMITS FOR TENANTS IN LOW-RENT HOUSING.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, December 8, 1948.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Boston Housing Authority, relative to your order of November 29, 1948, concerning maximum income limits for tenants in low-rent housing.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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Boston Housing Authority,
December 7, 1948.

Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.
Subject: City Council Order, November 29, 1948, Concerning Maximum Income Limits for Tenants in Low-Rent Housing.
Dear Mr. Mayor:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of November 29, 1948, on the above-referenced order of the City Council.

While the order is not entirely clear inasmuch as it refers to a proposed maximum income of $2,500 which presently exists, the Authority interprets the order to mean that the proposed maximum income of $2,500 apply to a family occupying a two-bedroom apartment with proportionate adjustments for families of other size.

The Authority wishes to advise you that in view of present living costs and income levels it has requested approval of a revision upward from both the Public Housing Administration and the State Housing Board. This request is under study and advisement, and the Honorable the City Council will be notified through you promptly when a decision is made.

Very truly yours,
FRANCIS X. LANE,
Executive Director.

Placed on file.

BUS SCHEDULES, ADAMS STREET AND NEPONSET AVENUE.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, December 8, 1948.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Metropolitan Transit Authority, relative to your order of November 22, 1948, concerning the making of a survey of the running schedules of buses on Adams street and Neponset avenue, Dorchester, with a view to providing sufficient equipment and a rescheduling of the running time so that the residents of this section may be given adequate service.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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Metropolitan Transit Authority,
December 6, 1948.

Mr. Lawrence P. Gilligan,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Sir:

In response to request contained in order of the City Council received with your letter of November 24, I would say that additional service has been provided on the Adams street and Neponset avenue lines during the morning rush-hour period.

Very truly yours,
EDWARD DANA, General Manager.

Placed on file.

RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF POSITION OF DEPUTY CHIEF IN FIRE DEPARTMENT.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, December 7, 1948.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Fire Department relative to your order of November 29, 1948, concerning the re-establishment of the position of deputy chief in the Boston Fire Department, owing to the increase of new development in commercial industry in the City of Boston.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Fire Department, December 3, 1948.

Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.
Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the following order which was passed by the City Council November 29, 1948:

"Ordered, That the Fire Commissioner confer with his Honor the Mayor concerning the re-establishment of the position of deputy chief in the Boston Fire Department, owing to the increase of new development in commercial industry in the City of Boston."

At the time the 48-hour week was established for this department on February 4, 1947, one of the economy measures recommended by the Boston Finance Commission and approved by your Honor was effected and two division headquarters were deactivated.

I recommended the reactivation of one division to be included in the 1948 budget but this item was disallowed.

I am recommending again as part of the 1949 budget of this department the re-establishment of one more division headquarters which I trust will receive your Honor's approval.

Respectfully yours,
RUSSELL S. CODMAN, JR.,
Fire Commissioner.

Placed on file.

PLAYGROUND AT 15-25 CLIFF STREET ROXBURY.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, December 13, 1948.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Board of Real Estate Commissioners, relative to

your order of November 29, 1948, concerning the making of the property at 15–25 Cliff street, Roxbury, Ward 12, available, and its maintenance as a playground.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Board of Real Estate Commissioners,
December 9, 1948.

Mr. Lawrence P. Gilligan,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Sir:

This is to acknowledge receipt of a Council order, dated November 29, 1948, requesting the Board of Real Estate Commissioners to make the property at 15–25 Cliff Street, Ward 12, Roxbury, available and maintained as a playground.

I wish to inform you that under the law this department has no authority to make available and maintain any land in its possession for playground purposes. I believe that the law provides that all playgrounds are maintained by the Park Department, and if the Park Department would so request, I would be pleased to place the matter before the Committee on Foreclosed Property as provided by law, to make this land available to the Park Department for its use.

Very truly yours,
IRVING LEWIS, Chairman.

Placed on file.

FLOODING OF PORTION OF FATHER BUCKLEY PLAYGROUND FOR SKATING.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, December 7, 1948.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Park Department relative to your order of November 22, 1948, concerning the flooding of a portion of the Father Buckley Playground for skating purposes.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Park Department, December 3, 1948.

Lawrence P. Gilligan,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Sir:

I have your memorandum, with enclosure, City Council order of November 22, 1948, requesting the Park Commission to flood a portion of the Father Buckley Playground for skating purposes.

The Father Buckley Playground is a relatively small playground on West Third street adjacent to the church that fronts on E street, South Boston. The surface of this playground is of concrete and asphalt. It is what is called a hard surfaced playground. The playground is pitched or sloped all in one direction and is not constructed or graded properly so that it can be flooded. In order to flood a playground it must be sloped to the center to a drainage system in the center so that it is approximately saucer shaped. Flooding a playground that slopes only in one direction would only mean that the water would not be retained on that playground.

I regret, under the circumstances, that the request of the City Council to flood this playground cannot be granted.

Very truly yours,
JOHN J. MURPHY, Chairman.

Placed on file.

TRANSFERS OF APPROPRIATIONS.

The following were received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, December 13, 1948.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

Under date of November 29, 1948, I submitted to your Honorable Body two transfer orders, as follows:

1. $16,000 from Item B–8, Light, Heat, and Power, in the Public Works Department, Lighting Service, to Item B–17, Care of Persons, in the Health Department.

This appropriation of $16,000 is necessary because the State Department of Health increased its rates for the care of patients in State Sanatoria, which increase was not anticipated in the budget.

2. $5,000 from Item B–8, Light, Heat, and Power, in the Public Works Department, Lighting Service, to Item B–39, General Repairs, in the Public Buildings Department.

This appropriation of $5,000 is necessary to take care of emergencies and other necessary repairs to the various buildings under the control of the Public Buildings Department.

I have been advised that your Honorable Body is adverse to making the above funds available from the item in question for the purposes as stated. In view of this fact, I am forwarding herewith transfer orders in substitution of the above, and recommend consideration and passage by your Honorable Body.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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Ordered, That in accordance with the provisions of section 3B of chapter 486 of the Acts of 1909, as amended by chapter 604 of the Acts of 1941, the City Auditor be, and hereby is, authorized to transfer:

From the appropriation for Police Department, A–1, Permanent Employees, $16,000, to the appropriation for Health Department, B–16, Care of Persons, $16,000.

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Ordered, That in accordance with the provisions of section 3B of chapter 486 of the Acts of 1909, as amended by chapter 604 of the Acts of 1941, the City Auditor be, and hereby is, authorized to transfer:

From the appropriation for Police Department, A–1, Permanent Employees, $5,000, to the appropriation for Public Buildings Department, B–39, General Repairs, $5,000.

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City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, December 13, 1948.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

The enclosed transfer of $53,000 to the Personal Service item of the Public Welfare Department, Central Office budget, is necessary because of the delay in receiving from the Commonwealth the Federal grant due the city.

Payments of Federal grants by the Commonwealth to the cities and towns are now made at the end of the quarter in which the charge occurs. As a result of this system the appropriation for the payrolls for permanent and temporary employees in the Public Welfare Department will be short $53,000. In order that there will be no delay in the payment of these employees this temporary transfer is necessary, pending receipt of this amount from the Commonwealth.

Consideration and adoption of the accompanying order is recommended by your Honorable Body.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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Ordered, That in accordance with the provisions of section 3B of chapter 486 of the Acts of 1909, as amended by chapter 604 of the Acts of 1941, the City Auditor be, and hereby is authorized to transfer:

From the appropriation for Public Welfare Department, Central Office, F–14, Old Age Assistance, $53,000, to the appropriation for Public Welfare Department, Central Office, A–1, Permanent Employees, $51,000, A–2, Temporary Employees, $2,000.

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City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, December 13, 1948.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

The enclosed requests for transfers of appropriations, together with the accompanying orders, are forwarded for consideration and adoption by your Honorable Body.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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Ordered, That in accordance with the provisions of section 3B of chapter 486 of the Acts of 1909, as amended by chapter 604 of the Acts of 1941, the City Auditor be, and hereby is, authorized to transfer:

From the appropriation for Police Department, A–1, Permanent Employees, $105,000, to the appropriation for Fire Department, A–1, Permanent Employees, $105,000.

Ordered, That in accordance with the provisions of section 3B of chapter 486 of the Acts of 1909, as amended by chapter 604 of the Acts of 1941, the City Auditor be, and hereby is, authorized to transfer:

From the appropriation for Hospital Department, A-1, Permanent Employees, $18,100, to the appropriation for Hospital Department, Sanatorium Division, A-1, Permanent Employees, $17,500, F-7, Pensions and Annuities, $200, F-11, Workmen's Compensation, $400.

Severally referred to the Executive Committee.

PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received and referred to the committees named, viz.:

Claims.

Edward L. Bailey, for compensation for damage to car caused by an alleged defect at 1099 Dorchester avenue.

Mark T. Basler, for compensation for damage to property at 200 West Eighth street, caused by defective catch-basin.

Paul E. Conlon, to be reimbursed as result of accident which occurred while in performance of duty.

Nora Elliott, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at 1989 Columbus avenue.

Anthony Gangemi, for compensation for damage to car by fire apparatus.

Mrs. J. Hoy, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at 15 Oxford street.

Joseph A. Jacobs, for compensation for damage to car caused by an alleged defect in Chelsea street.

D. J. Kinnaly, for compensation for damage to car caused by an alleged defect in Kenmore square.

Grant MacSwain, for compensation for damage to truck by fire truck.

Alice E. McGovern, to be reimbursed for loss of hat at City Hospital.

Alice T. O'Donnell, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at 386 Market street, Brighton.

Domenic Palermo, for compensation for damage to car by fire apparatus.

Mary R. Schiano, for compensation for damage to car by city truck.

Joyce Shrago, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at 21 McLellan street.

Patrick C. Wallace, for compensation for damage to car by fire truck.

Adaline E. Waters, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at Batterymarch and Milk streets.

Committee on Licenses.

Petition of New England Transportation Company to operate motor vehicles from South Station to Blue Hill avenue at Boston city line and from Milton town line via Blue Hill avenue to South Station.

Committee on County Accounts.

Petition of John T. Gleason, officer in the House of Correction, Penal Institutions Department, for retirement as a veteran.

APPROVAL OF CONSTABLE'S BOND.

The constable's bond of William J. DuRoss, having been approved by the City Treasurer, was received and approved by the Council.

APPOINTMENT OF THOMAS J. KELLIHER.

Notice was received from the Health Commissioner of appointment (emergency) of Thomas J. Kelliher, 117 Rutherford avenue, Charlestown, as Inspector of Housing and Sanitation, at $2,000 a year.

Placed on file.

APPOINTMENT OF CHARLES A. BIRMINGHAM.

Notice was received from the Mayor of appointment of Charles A. Birmingham, 24 Sedalia road, Boston, as Trustee of the Boston Metropolitan District for two-year term ending December 9, 1950.

Placed on file.

HIGHWAY LOCATION, EAST BOSTON.

Notice was received from the State Department of Public Works of laying out of extension of Frankfort street, East Boston, as a state highway, notice being accompanied by certified copy of plan and location.

Placed on file.

NOTICES FROM PUBLIC UTILITIES DEPARTMENT.

Notice was received from the Department of Public Utilities of hearing on petition of Irving M. Sobin Company to construct track on Granite street, South Boston, to be held December 29, at 2.15 p. m.

Notice was received from the Department of Public Utilities of hearing to be held December 23, at 10 a. m., on petition of Airways Transportation Company to operate motor vehicles between Kenmore Hotel and airport.

Severally placed on file.

APPROVAL OF STATE BOARD OF HOUSING.

Notice was received from the State Board of Housing of approval of expenditure by Boston Housing Authority of $6,240 for purchase of 35,805 square feet of land at Victory road for veterans' housing project, Dorchester.

Placed on file.

DESIGNATION OF ACTING SECRETARY, TRAFFIC COMMISSION.

Notice was received from the Traffic Commission of designation of Evelyn V. Sullivan as acting secretary in the absence of Secretary William T. Doyle.

Placed on file.

DESIGNATION OF HON. CHARLES F. GADSBY.

Notice was received from the Clerk of the Supreme Judicial Court of designation by the Chief Justice of Hon. Charles F. Gadsby as Presiding Judge of Appellate Division for Northern District to fill vacancy caused by death of Charles I. Pettingell, Justice of the Second District Court of Essex.

Placed on file.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONFIRMATIONS.

Coun. ANSEL, for the Committee on Confirmations, submitted the following:

Report on appointment by the Mayor (referred October 5) of Ralph Ober, to be Constable authorized to serve civil process upon filing of bond, for term ending April 30, 1949—recommending that appointment be confirmed.

The report was accepted, and the question came on confirmation. Committee, Councilors McCormack and Chase. Whole number of ballots 15, yeas 12, nays 3, and the appointment was confirmed.

RECESS.

On motion of Councilor Bryan the Council voted to take a recess at 2.25 p. m., subject to the call of the Chair. The members reassembled and were called to order by President HANNON at 3.15 p. m.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Coun. McCORMACK, for the Executive Committee, submitted the following:

1. Report on message of Mayor and order (referred November 22) for transfer of $7,500 from

Building Department, A-1 and A-2, to Mayor's Office Expenses, A-1 and A-6—that same ought to pass.

Report on message of Mayor and order (referred today) for transfer of $16,000 from Police Department, A-1, to Health Department, B-16—that same ought to pass.

Report on message of Mayor and order (referred today) for transfer of $5,000 from Police Department, A-1, to Public Buildings Department, B-39—that same ought to pass.

Report on message of Mayor and order (referred today) for transfer of $53,000 from Public Welfare Department, Central Office, F-14, to Public Welfare Department, Central Office, A-1 and A-2—that same ought to pass.

Report on message of Mayor and orders (referred today) for transfer of $105,000 from Police Department, A-1, to Fire Department, A-1, and transfer of $18,100 from Hospital Department, A-1, to Hospital Department, Sanatorium Division, A-1, F-7, and F-11—that same ought to pass.

The reports were accepted, and the orders were severally passed, yeas 16, nays 0:

Yeas—Councilors Ansel, Beades, Bryan, Carey, Chase, Coffey, Cook, Hannon, Keenan, Lane, Linehan, McCormack, Ramsey, Shanley, Tracy, Wenzler—16.

Nays—0.

2. Report on message of Mayor and order (referred November 29) for transfer of $16,000 from Public Works Department, Lighting Service, B-8, to Health Department, B-18—that same ought not to pass.

The report was accepted, and the order was rejected, yeas 0, nays 16:

Yeas—0.

Nays—Councilors Ansel, Beades, Bryan, Carey, Chase, Coffey, Hannon, Hurley, Keenan, Lane, Linehan, McCormack, Ramsey, Shanley, Tracy, Wenzler—16.

3. Report on message of Mayor and order (referred November 29) for transfer of $5,000 from Public Works Department, Lighting Service, B-8, to Public Buildings Department, B-39—that same ought not to pass.

The report was accepted, and the order was rejected, yeas 0, nays 16:

Yeas—0.

Nays—Councilors Ansel, Beades, Bryan, Carey, Chase, Coffey, Hannon, Hurley, Keenan, Lane, Linehan, McCormack, Ramsey, Shanley, Tracy, Wenzler—16.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON COUNTY ACCOUNTS.

Coun. SHANLEY, for the Committee on County Accounts, submitted the following:

Report on application for retirement (referred today) of John T. Gleason, officer in House of Correction, Penal Institutions Department—recommending passage of the following order:

Whereas, John T. Gleason, employed in the service of the County of Suffolk as officer in the House of Correction, Penal Institutions Department, has made application to be retired under the provisions of chapter 678 of the Acts of 1945, and

Whereas, The said John T. Gleason has submitted to the City Council satisfactory evidence that he is a veteran as defined in section 56 of chapter 32 of the General Laws; that he has been certified for retirement for disability by the duly authorized medical panel; that he has been in the service of the county at least 10 years and has reached the age of 50 years; that he is incapacitated for active service; and that his total income from all sources, exclusive of his retirement allowance and of any sum received from the government of the United States as a pension for war service, does not exceed $500, it is hereby

Ordered, That under the provisions of section 56 of chapter 32 of the General Laws, as amended by chapter 514 of the Acts of 1943, John T. Gleason, employed in the County of Suffolk as officer in the House of Correction, Penal Institutions Department, be, and hereby is, retired by the Mayor and City Council, acting as county commissioners, at an annual pension of $1,600, being one-half of his highest regular rate of compensation.

The report was accepted, and the order was passed.

WORKING HOURS AT CITY HOSPITAL.

Coun. HANNON offered the following:

Ordered, That the Board of Trustees of the Boston City Hospital be requested to assign the working hours under the 40-hour work week so that no employee will be called back to the Hospital three times within the scope of a 24-hour period.

Referred to Committee on Hospitals.

CERTAIN OFFICERS TO BE ASSIGNED TO POLICE LISTING.

Coun. HANNON offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor suggest to the Police Commissioner that only those officers over 50 years of age who request such duty be assigned to the police listing.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

ARC LIGHTS FOR DORCHESTER TOWN FIELD.

Coun. RAMSEY, BEADES, and KEENAN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Park Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to include in their 1949 budget sufficient money to install electric arc lights in the Dorchester Town Field.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

INQUIRY AS TO AVAILABLE APARTMENTS AND GARAGE FACILITIES.

Coun. HANNON and RAMSEY offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor suggest to the Police Commissioner that in conjunction with the police listing of 1949 the listing officers be required to make inquiry and note as to what garage facilities are available in each apartment, or residence, and what tenements are available in each district.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF OFFICE OF DEPUTY CHIEF, FORT HILL SQUARE.

Coun. COFFEY and LANIGAN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Fire Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to re-establish the office of deputy chief at Fort Hill Square, in order that valuable business property in the downtown section of Boston, also in East Boston, Charlestown, the North and West Ends may be properly protected.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

INCREASED PERSONNEL AT FAYETTE STREET OFFICE OF PUBLIC WELFARE

Coun. COOK, SULLIVAN, and ANSEL offered the following:

Ordered, That through his Honor the Mayor, the Overseers of the Public Welfare Commissioner be requested to increase the personnel at the Fayette street office to handle the increased demands for public aid.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

IMMEDIATE CLEANING OF WARD 14 STREETS.

Coun. ANSEL offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to confer with the Commissioner of Public Works to arrange for the cleaning of streets in the Ward 14 section.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

FEES CHARGED BY PARKING LOTS.

Coun. BEADES offered the following:
Ordered, That the Corporation Counsel be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to render an opinion as to what rights, if any, the City Council or Board of Street Commissioners have in the matter of fixing a minimum and maximum fee that can be charged by operators of parking lots within the City of Boston to persons who park on their premises.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

ENFORCEMENT OF REGULATIONS GOVERNING PARKING LOTS.

Coun. BEADES offered the following:
Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners and Fire Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to take immediate steps to see that the regulations affecting operators of parking lots within the City of Boston are strictly enforced and to immediately revoke any license or permit where any violation is found.
Referred to Committee on Public Safety.

NAMING OF LIEUT. CORNELIUS J. O'LEARY SQUARE.

Coun. TRACY offered the following:
Ordered, That the Special Committee to Memorialize Veterans be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to name the square at the intersection of School and Washington streets, Jamaica Plain, in honor of Lieut. Cornelius J. O'Leary, who gave his life in the service of his country in World War II.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

REPLACING OF GAS LIGHTS ON GREEN STREET, WARD 11.

Coun. TRACY offered the following:
Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to replace the gas lights on Green street, between Washington and Amory streets, Ward 11, with adequate electric lighting facilities.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

THANKS OF COUNCILOR CAREY.

By unanimous consent, Councilor Carey made a statement thanking the members of the Council for the flowers sent him during his confinement at the Boston City Hospital.

HALF-DAY OFF FOR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING.

Coun. SULLIVAN offered the following:
Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor consider the advisability of giving each city employee one half-day off prior to Christmas for Christmas shopping purposes.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

INCREASED SALARY FOR MALE MEDICAL WORKERS—SANATORIUM.

Coun. HURLEY offered the following:
Ordered, That the Trustees of the Boston City Hospital be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to increase the salaries of all male medical workers in the Boston Sanatorium so that they will receive the $200 increase which was granted to nurses and female medical workers, and to make the same salary provision for the same type of employee in Ward B, which is the tuberculosis isolation ward at the City Hospital.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

REMOVAL OF LOOSE GRAVEL FROM WARD 6 STREETS.

Coun. WENZLER offered the following:
Ordered, That the Public Works Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to remove all loose gravel from the streets in Ward 6, South Boston, because of the dust that results therefrom which is a cause of breeding consumption in the people living in that vicinity.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

SUPERVISED PLAYGROUNDS IN CERTAIN SCHOOLYARDS.

Coun. CHASE offered the following:
Ordered, That the School Committee be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to provide supervised playgrounds in the following schoolyards during the summer of 1949: Rice Grammar School, Perkins School, Mechanic Arts High School.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

ACCEPTANCE OF GOULD STREET, WARD 22.

Coun. SHANLEY offered the following:
Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out Gould street, Ward 22, as a public way.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

TRAFFIC SIGN INDICATING "JEWISH MEMORIAL HOSPITAL."

Coun. TRACY and ANSEL offered the following:
Ordered, That the Traffic Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to place signs at the corner of Washington and Townsend streets, Ward 11, bearing an arrow and worded as follows: "Jewish Memorial Hospital," indicating the location of that hospital.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

Adjourned, on motion of Councilor Lane, at 3.44 p. m., to meet on Monday, December 20, 1948, at 2 p. m.

Note: All debate of City Council eliminated from proceedings in accordance with Chapter 447, Acts of 1947.

(Stenographic copy of such debate on file in office of City Clerk.)

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of City Council.

Monday, December 20, 1948.

Regular meeting of the City Council held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 2 p. m., President HANNON in the chair, and all the members present.

The meeting was opened with the salute to the Flag.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR.

Subject to confirmation by the Council, the Mayor submitted the following appointments:

Weighers of Goods, for term ending April 30, 1949: Stephen P. Devine, 4 Neponset avenue, Hyde Park, Mass.; Edward A. Finnerty, 866 Washington street, Dorchester, Mass.

Referred to Committee on Confirmations.

WIDENING OF RUTHERFORD AVENUE APPROACH TO CITY SQUARE.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, December 17, 1948.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Traffic Commission relative to your order of September 20, 1948, concerning the widening of Rutherford Avenue approach into City square, at the corner of Rutherford avenue and City square, on the inbound side.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Traffic Commission, December 9, 1948.

Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Sir:

In reply to blue memo of September 23, 1948, signed by Lawrence P. Gilligan, requesting consideration and report on Council order which reads as follows:

"Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to consult with the Boston Traffic Commission relative to the possibility of widening the Rutherford Avenue approach into City square, at the corner of Rutherford avenue and City square, on the inbound side."

Please be advised that an investigation was made of subject matter of Councilor Kinsella's Council order and it is the opinion that the subject contained in it is sound and should be referred to the Board of Street Commissioners for action.

Respectfully submitted,
LEO F. CURLEY, Commissioner.

Placed on file.

PARKING IN CEDAR GROVE SECTION, DORCHESTER.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, December 17, 1948.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Traffic Commission relative to your order of November 22, 1948, concerning the abandonment of the contemplated lease by the City of Boston of land in the Cedar Grove section of Dorchester to the M. T. A. for parking purposes, since this land is located in a strictly residential area and would not in any way alleviate the parking problems now present in the City of Boston.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Traffic Commission, December 8, 1948.

Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Sir:

In reply to Council order dated November 29, 1948, which reads as follows:

"Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor instruct the Traffic Commission and the members of the Transit Commission to immediately abandon consideration of the contemplated lease by the City of Boston of land in the Cedar Grove section of Dorchester to the M. T. A. for parking purposes, since this land is located in a strictly residential area and would not in any way alleviate the parking problems now present in the City of Boston; and be it further

Ordered, That if the authorities concerned feel that they would like the opinion of the residents of this particular area relative to this, that a public hearing be held for this purpose."

Please be advised that in the above matter the traffic engineers have looked into the possibility of using the Butler Street Station rather than the Cedar Grove Station as there is more land available and it would not interfere with homes on a residential street.

As you know this whole matter is not within our power to decide now but is dependent upon a bill that has been filed in the Legislature by the Law Department. When and if this bill is passed the councilors' request will be given every consideration.

Respectfully,
LEO F. CURLEY, Commissioner.

Placed on file.

RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF OFFICE OF DEPUTY CHIEF AT FORT HILL SQUARE.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, December 20, 1948.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Fire Department relative to your order of December 13, 1948, concerning the re-establishment of the office of Deputy Chief at Fort Hill square, in order that valuable business property in the downtown section of Boston, also East Boston, Charlestown, the North and West Ends, may be properly protected.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Fire Department, December 17, 1948.

Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the following City Council order introduced by Councilors Coffey and Lanigan:

"Ordered, That the Fire Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to re-establish the office of Deputy Chief at Fort Hill square, in order that valuable business property in the downtown section of Boston, also East Boston, Charlestown, the North and West Ends, may be properly protected.

In City Council December 13, 1948. Passed.

Attest:

J. B. HYNES,
City Clerk."

In view of the fact that a similar order has previously been introduced into the City Council and a report thereon submitted to your Honor, it would appear that no further report was necessary.

Respectfully yours,
RUSSELL S. CODMAN, JR.,
Fire Commissioner.

Placed on file.

LIST OF HOME AND GARAGE VACANCIES.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, December 20, 1948.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Police Department relative to your order of December 13, 1948, suggesting that listing officers be required to make inquiry and note as to what

garage facilities are available in each apartment or residence, and what tenements are available in each district.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Police Department, December 17, 1948.
Lawrence P. Gilligan,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Sir:

I return herewith order of the City Council passed December 13, 1948, as follows:

"Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor suggest to the Police Commissioner that in conjunction with the police listing of 1949 the listing officers be required to make inquiry and note as to what garage facilities are available in each apartment, or residence, and what tenements are available in each district."

This is to advise that the Listing Board made up of the four members of the Election Department and the Police Commissioner have awarded the contracts calling for clerical work and printing in connection with the annual listing as is required by law. It would be impossible to make any changes in these cards (640,000 in number) and any attempt to gather additional information would delay the work of the Assessing and Election Departments.

Very truly yours,
THOMAS F. SULLIVAN,
Police Commissioner.

Placed on file.

COLUMBUS PARK IMPROVEMENTS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, December 14, 1948.
To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Park Department relative to your order of December 6, 1948, concerning the including in the Park Commission's budget for 1949 of a sum sufficient to provide for the laying out, improvement, etc., of baseball and softball diamonds, with the necessary backstops, at Columbus Park, South Boston.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Park Department, December 13, 1948.
Lawrence P. Gilligan,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Sir:

I have your memorandum, with enclosure, City Council order of December 6, 1948, requesting the Park Commission to include in its budget for 1949 a sum sufficient to provide for the laying out, improvement, etc., of baseball and softball diamonds, with the necessary backstops, at Columbus Park, South Boston.

I appreciate that after the abandonment of some of the victory gardens a little over a year ago, certain of this area needs regrading and reseeding.

I will submit to the Budget Commissioner a request for a sum of money to take care of this condition, in the 1949 budget.

Yours very truly,
JOHN J. MURPHY, Chairman.

Placed on file.

AQUARIUM IMPROVEMENTS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, December 14, 1948.
To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Park Department relative to your order of December 6, 1948, concerning necessary repairs to the outside and inside of the South Boston Aquarium, including the tanks, and also for replenishing the supply of various species of fish.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Park Department, December 13, 1948.
Lawrence P. Gilligan,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Sir:

I have your memorandum, with enclosure, City Council order of December 6, 1948, requesting the Park Commission to include in its budget for 1949 a sufficient sum to provide for necessary repairs to the outside and inside of the South Boston Aquarium, including the tanks, and also for replenishing the supply of various species of fish.

A few years ago quite an extensive reconstruction job was done at the aquarium. However, I agree that there are certain other repairs and replacements that should be made within the next year. I will see that a sum sufficient to make these repairs and replacements will be submitted to the Budget Commissioner.

We have had considerable difficulty in keeping the supply of fish on display at the aquarium up to a satisfactory level. We have, however, during the past six months obtained many species of fish, and at the present time it is stocked better than it has been for some years. We have more than 200 fish on display and more than 100 fish in the rear tanks of the aquarium. I am still not satisfied. After I talked with his Honor the Mayor about the matter, he has had the Acting Director of the Fish and Wildlife Service in Washington, D. C., offer certain specimens of fish located in certain hatcheries down and near Washington. Our problem, of course, is the transportation of these fish from these different hatcheries and keeping the fish alive so that they will be in good condition when they reach the aquarium. I have instructed the director of the aquarium to see if some of these locations are practical where we might get some additional fish where the transportation problem would not be insurmountable.

Yours very truly,
JOHN J. MURPHY, Chairman.

Placed on file.

PUBLIC WORKS CONSTRUCTION DURING HOUSING DEVELOPMENT.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, December 15, 1948.
To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Boston Housing Authority relative to your order of December 6, 1948, concerning Public Works Construction during housing development.

Very truly yours,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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Boston Housing Authority,
December 14, 1948.
Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.
Subject: City Council Order, December 6, 1948, Concerning Public Works Construction During Housing Development.
Dear Mr. Mayor:

This will acknowledge receipt of the order of the Honorable, the City Council, dated December 6, 1948, in which the Council requested that you confer with this Authority and the Commissioner of Public Works with a view to mutually satisfactory cooperative effort during housing development.

This Authority is pleased to advise you that it has always endeavored to work cooperatively with other departments involved in the work of the Authority, and the Authority is sure that the Commissioner of Public Works has endeavored to work in the same manner.

As a result of the meeting of the Authority with the Commissioner of Public Works in your office recently the Authority feels certain that these problems will continue to be worked out satisfactorily.

Very truly yours,
FRANCIS X. LANE,
Executive Director for the Authority,

Placed on file.

FRANKLIN PARK IMPROVEMENTS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, December 14, 1948.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Park Commission relative to your order of December 6, 1948, concerning the setting up of baseball diamonds and adequate playground facilities in the unused portion of the playstead area in Franklin Park.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Park Department, December 13, 1948.

Lawrence P. Gilligan,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Sir:

I desire to acknowledge your memorandum, with enclosure, City Council order of December 6, 1948, requesting the Park Commission to set up baseball diamonds and adequate playground facilities in the unused portion of the playstead area in Franklin Park.

The playstead area contains approximately 26 acres. At the present time a schoolboy stadium, parking lots, and other appurtenances pertaining to the stadium are under construction, which will eventually take up about 14 of the 26 acres.

I have arranged with the contractor, who is building the stadium, to grade and seed the remaining 12 acres of land which will be used for an athletic field for all the boys of this district. He has agreed to grade these grounds and seed them in the spring. After the grass has been established we will lay out baseball diamonds in the proper locations, which I believe will take care of the request of the City Council.

Yours very truly,
JOHN J. MURPHY, Chairman.

Placed on file.

APPROPRIATION FROM PARKMAN FUND.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, December 20, 1948.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I am in receipt of the attached communication from the Board of Park Commissioners requesting the appropriation of $8,580.10 from the income of the George F. Parkman Fund, to be expended under the direction of the Board of Park Commissioners, for the Maintenance and Improvement of the Common and Parks in Existence on January 12, 1887.

The 1948 budget estimates of the personal service requirements of the Park Department included an estimate of the total income of $170,000 from the Parkman Fund. The budget allowances made provision for the appropriation of this income as it accrued on the Common and Parks in Existence on January 12, 1887.

I submit herewith an order appropriating the sum of $8,580.10, the accrued income now available from the Parkman Fund, and respectfully recommend its immediate passage by your Honorable Body.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Park Department, December 15, 1948.

Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.
Dear Sir:

By vote of the Board of Park Commissioners, you are respectfully asked to request the City Council to transfer from the income of the George F. Parkman Fund the sum of $8,580.10, which is now available, to be expended under the direction of the Board of Park Commissioners as follows:

Common and Parks in Existence on January 12, 1887, Maintenance and Improvement of..... $8,580.10

When making up the budget estimates for the year 1948, a sum equal to the total yearly income of the George F. Parkman Fund was deducted from Item A-1, Permanent Employees, with the understanding that this deduction was to be replaced by the total yearly income of said Parkman Fund for 1948, to be transferred, as it accrued from time to time during the year, to the regular maintenance appropriation of the Park Department.

Respectfully yours,
JOHN J. MURPHY, Chairman.

Ordered, That the sum of $8,580.10 be, and hereby is, appropriated from the income of the George F. Parkman Fund, to be expended under the direction of the Park Commissioners, for the Maintenance and Improvement of the Common and Parks in Existence on January 12, 1887, as follows:

Common and Parks in Existence on January 12, 1887, Maintenance and Improvement of..... $8,580.10

Referred to Committee on Parkman Fund.

TRANSFERS OF APPROPRIATIONS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, December 20, 1948.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

The enclosed requests for transfers of appropriations, together with the accompanying orders, are forwarded for consideration and adoption by your Honorable Body.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Ordered, That in accordance with the provisions of section 3B of chapter 486 of the Acts of 1909, as amended by chapter 604 of the Acts of 1941, the City Auditor be, and hereby is, authorized to transfer:

From the appropriation for Boston Traffic Commission, B-1, Printing and Binding, $1,400, C-2, Machinery, $1,047.90, C-3, Electrical, $300, C-4, Motor Vehicles, $778.47, E-13, Miscellaneous Materials, $2,473.63, to the appropriation for Boston Traffic Commission, A-1, Permanent Employees, $6,000.

Ordered, That in accordance with the provisions of section 3B of chapter 486 of the Acts of 1909, as amended by chapter 604 of the Acts of 1941, the City Auditor be, and hereby is, authorized to transfer:

From the appropriation for Election Department, B-3, Advertising and Posting, $100, B-4, Transportation of Persons, $150, B-5, Express Charges, $200, B-29, Stenographic and Copying, $950, B-39, General Repairs, $250, C-10, Library, $100, C-15, Tires, Tubes, and Accessories, $100, B-2, Food and Ice, $650, D-3, Fuel, $200, D-16, Miscellaneous Supplies, $200, E-1, Building, $600, to the appropriation for Election Department, A-2, Temporary Employees, $3,500.

Ordered, That in accordance with the provisions of section 3B of chapter 486 of the Acts of 1909, as amended by chapter 604 of the Acts of 1941, the City Auditor be, and hereby is, authorized to transfer:

From the appropriation for Public Works Department, Sanitary Service, B-42, Miscellaneous Services, $1,230, to the appropriation for Law Department, A-1, Permanent Employees, $1,230.

Ordered, That in accordance with the provisions of section 3B of chapter 486 of the Acts of 1909, as amended by chapter 604 of the Acts of 1941, the City Auditor be, and hereby is, authorized to transfer:

From the appropriation for Public Works Department, Sanitary Service, B-42, Miscellaneous Services, $243.86, to the appropriation for Public Buildings Department, Market Division, A-1, Permanent Employees, $243.86.

Ordered, That in accordance with the provisions of section 3B of chapter 486 of the Acts of 1909, as amended by chapter 604 of the Acts of 1941, the City Auditor be, and hereby is, authorized to transfer:

From the appropriation for Reserve Fund, $2,600, to the appropriation for Special Appropriation, State-Boston Retirement System Expense Fund, $2,600.

Ordered, That in accordance with the provisions of section 3B of chapter 486 of the Acts of 1909, as

amended by chapter 604 of the Acts of 1941, the City Auditor be, and hereby is, authorized to transfer:

From the appropriation for County of Suffolk, Miscellaneous Expenses, Auditing, A-1, Permanent Employees, $301, to the appropriation for Municipal Court, South Boston District, A-1, Permanent Employees, $140, A-2, Temporary Employees, $125, C-10, Library, $36.

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Ordered, That in accordance with the provisions of section 3B of chapter 486 of the Acts of 1909, as amended by chapter 604 of the Acts of 1941, the City Auditor be, and hereby is, authorized to transfer:

From the appropriation for Supply Department, B-28, Expert, $100, B-29, Stenographic and Copying, $55, B-35, Fees, Service of Venires, etc., $33, D-11, Gasoline, Oil, and Grease, $109.17, to the appropriation for Supply Department, A-2, Temporary Employees, $297.17.

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Ordered, That in accordance with the provisions of section 3B of chapter 486 of the Acts of 1909, as amended by chapter 604 of the Acts of 1941, the City Auditor be, and hereby is, authorized to transfer:

From the appropriation for Miscellaneous Expenses, County of Suffolk, Budget Department, A-1, Permanent Employees, $544.25, to the appropriation for Registry of Deeds, D-1, Office, $263.95, D-13, Chemicals and Disinfectants, $280.30.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received and referred to the committees named, viz.:

Claims.

Bond Manufacturing Corporation, for compensation for damage to property at 1825 Centre street, West Roxbury, caused during repair of street.

James J. Conlin, for compensation for damage to car by truck of Water Department.

Marguerite V. Cronin, for compensation for damage to car caused by car of Election Department.

Mabel E. Flaherty, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in West Springfield street.

Ernest Jaramillo, for compensation for injuries to son, Joseph, caused by being struck by truck.

Robert C. Kingsley, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at 30 Bromfield street.

John C. M. Lawson, for compensation for damage to truck by fire apparatus.

Arthur L. Locke, for compensation for damage to car caused by an alleged defect in Blue Hill avenue.

Hugh Lydon, for compensation for damage to property at 29 M street, South Boston, caused by water being shut off.

Alfred J. Martell, for compensation for damage to sidewalk at 22 Montgomery street, caused by snowplow.

Frank M. McCloskey, for compensation for injuries caused by broken bottle at Dorchester Town Field.

Albert K. Wagner, for compensation for damage to property by city truck.

Philip LaMonica, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in bridge across Gove street, East Boston.

Executive.

Petition of Alice M. Sharp, to be paid annuity on account of death of husband, Edmund J. Sharp, late member of Fire Department.

PERMIT FOR CHILDREN.

Petition for children under 15 years of age to appear at places of public amusement was received as follows:

Thomas Nazzaro, Casino Theatre, December 19.

Permit granted, under usual conditions.

APPOINTMENT OF BENNETT F. LALLY.

Notice was received from the Health Commissioner of appointment of Bennett F. Lally as Collector of Milk Samples, effective December 17, 1948, at salary of $45.58 a week.

Placed on file

HEARING ON M.T.A. FARES.

Notice was received from the Department of Public Utilities of hearing to be held Tuesday, January 18, 1949, at 10 a. m., in Gardner Auditorium, State House, on petition of Board of Trustees of Metropolitan Transit Authority for approval of proposed changes in rates of fares and charges for service to become effective January 29, 1949.

Placed on file.

NOTICES FROM PUBLIC UTILITIES DEPARTMENT.

Notices were received from the Department of Public Utilities as follows:

Permit granted to Boston Edison Company for location for poles and wires in Turtle Pond Parkway, Hyde Park.

Approval of extension of time granted Metropolitan Transit Authority for erection of poles, wires, and other electrical appliances, and for operation of trackless trolley vehicles over certain public highways in City of Boston.

Approval of petition of Metropolitan Transit Authority for underground conduits, wires, cables, and connections to be constructed, maintained and used for operation of its railway system in City of Boston, under north and south approaches to Dorchester Avenue Bridge, over Fort Point Channel.

Hearing to be held on schedule of tolls and charges for use of Sumner Tunnel on Monday, December 27, 1948, at 2 p. m.

Severally placed on file.

NOTICE OF APPROVAL BY STATE BOARD OF HOUSING.

Notice was received from the State Board of Housing of approval of expenditure by Boston Housing Authority of $2,585 for engineering services at veterans' housing project.

Placed on file.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONFIRMATIONS.

Coun. ANSEL, for the Committee on Confirmations, submitted the following:

Report on appointment by the Mayor (referred December 13) of Louis Pollock to be Constable, not authorized to serve civil process, and to serve without bond, for term ending April 30, 1949—recommending that appointment be confirmed.

Report on appointment by the Mayor (referred December 13) of George L. Keefe, as Measurer of Wood and Bark, for term ending April 30, 1949—recommending that appointment be confirmed.

The reports were accepted, and the question came on confirmation. Committee, Councilors Beades and Wenzler. Whole number of ballots 14; yes 14, and the appointments were confirmed.

Coun. SULLIVAN in the chair.

NAMING OF ROBERT F. CRUICKSHANK SQUARE.

Coun. BRYAN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Committee to Memorialize Veterans be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to name the space at the junction of Iona street and Belgrade avenue, Ward 20, Robert F. Cruickshank Square, in honor of Robert F. Cruickshank, killed in World War II.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

NAMING OF PAUL M. DOOLEY SQUARE.

Coun. BRYAN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Committee to Memorialize Veterans be requested, through his Honor the

Mayor, to name the space at the junction of Park and Centre streets, Ward 20, Paul M. Dooley Square, in honor of Lieut. Paul M. Dooley, killed in action in Germany, September 20, 1944, during World War II.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

REVOKING OF LIQUOR LICENSE.

Coun. BRYAN offered the following:
Ordered, That the Corporation Counsel be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to inform the City Council what steps, legal or otherwise, may be taken to estop the carrying out of a recent decision of the Alcoholic Beverages Commission granting a license for a liquor store at the West Roxbury side of the Hancock Village, in the face of concerted and practically unanimous opposition of responsible groups and persons residing in West Roxbury.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

ESTABLISHMENT OF ONE CENTRALLY LOCATED SANTA CLAUS.

Coun. HANNON offered the following:
Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor confer with the Retail Board of Trade and the Chamber of Commerce relative to the possibility of the elimination of the multiplicity of Santa Clauses, and the establishment of one centrally located Santa Claus in the City of Boston during the next Christmas Season.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PARKMAN FUND.

Coun. LANE, for the Committee on Parkman Fund, submitted the following:
Report on message of Mayor and order (referred today) that $8,580.10 be appropriated from income of Parkman Fund to be expended under direction of Park Commissioners—that same ought to pass.
The report was accepted, and the order was passed, yeas 20, nays 0:
Yeas—Councilors Ansel, Beades, Bryan, Cantwell, Carey, Chase, Coffey, Cook, Hannon, Hurley, Keenan, Kinsella, Lanigan, Linehan, McCormack, Ramsey, Shanley, Sullivan, Wenzler, Yerxa—20.
Nays—0.

INFORMATION CLERK, CITY MESSENGER DEPARTMENT.

Coun. KEENAN offered the following:
Ordered, That the position of Information Clerk in the office of the City Messenger Department is hereby established by the Boston City Council, at an annual salary of $3,000, effective January 1, 1949.
Referred to the Executive Committee.

REMOVAL OF OFFAL IN CERTAIN SECTIONS BY CITY LABOR.

Coun. LANIGAN, CHASE, and YERXA offered the following:
Ordered, That the Public Works Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to abandon the plan to award contracts for the removal of offal from the West End, North End, and Back Bay, and to continue the performance of this work by the regular city labor forces.
Referred to the Executive Committee.

USE OF 15 TO 25 CLIFF STREET AS PLAYGROUND.

Coun. COOK offered the following:
Ordered, That the Park Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to request the Board of Real Estate Commissioners to place 15 to 25 Cliff street before the Committee on Foreclosed Real Estate, to make the land available to the Park Department for use as a playground.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

PAYMENT OF PENSIONS BEFORE CHRISTMAS.

Coun. RAMSEY offered the following:
Ordered, That through his Honor the Mayor, the office of city pensions have the checks ready for the people before Christmas.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

ADDITIONAL PAYMENT TO WELFARE AID RECIPIENTS.

Coun. RAMSEY offered the following:
Ordered, Through his Honor the Mayor, that the Welfare Department allow an additional $5 for the recipients of welfare aid for Christmas and New Year's.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

REPLACING OF GAS LAMPS ON BAINBRIDGE STREET.

Coun. TRACY offered the following:
Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to replace the gas lamps on Bainbridge street, Ward 11, with modern electric lighting facilities.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

ACCEPTANCE OF LAWRENCE STREET, WARD 22.

Coun. SHANLEY offered the following:
Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out Lawrence street, Ward 22, as a public way.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

RECESS.

On motion of Councilor Lanigan, the Council voted to take a recess at 2.45 p. m., subject to the call of the Chair. The members reassembled and were called to order by President HANNON at 3.40 p. m.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Coun. McCORMACK, for the Executive Committee, submitted the following:
1. Report on petition of Mary F. Kearney (referred June 28) to be paid annuity on account of death of her husband, John P. Kearney, late member of the Police Department—recommending passage of accompanying order:
Ordered, That under the provisions of section 89A of chapter 32 of the General Laws, an annuity of $1,200 be allowed and paid to Mary F. Kearney, widow of John P. Kearney, a member of the Police Department, who died on June 27, 1947, on account of injuries received in the performance of his duty, said annuity to continue so long as she remains unmarried; the annuity to become effective upon the date of the approval of this order by the Mayor, and to be charged to the appropriation for Police Department, Pensions and Annuities.
Report accepted; said order passed.
2. Report on order (referred today) requesting Public Works Commissioner to abandon plan to award contracts for removal of offal from West End, North End, and Back Bay, and to continue performance of this work by regular city labor forces—that same ought to pass.
The report was accepted, and the order was passed.
3. Report on message of Mayor and orders (referred today) for transfer of departmental appropriations—that same ought to pass.

The report was accepted, and the orders were passed, yeas 18, nays 0:

Yeas—Councilor Beades, Bryan, Chase, Coffey, Cook, Hannon, Hurley, Keenan, Kinsella, Lanigan, Linehan, McCormack, Ramsey, Shanley, Sullivan, Tracy, Wenzler, Yerxa—18.

Nays—0.

RESTORATION OF THREE-DIVISION SYSTEM IN FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Coun. HANNON, LANIGAN, KINSELLA, KEENAN, and COFFEY offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to direct the Fire Commissioner to consider the restoration of the three-division system in the Boston Fire Department in order to maintain the efficiency of the department and to assure added protection for the property owners of the City of Boston.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

NAMING OF LEONARD E. LANDRY SQUARE.

Coun. WENZLER and LINEHAN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Special Committee to Memorialize Veterans be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to recommend the naming of the space at the intersection of K and East Fifth streets, Ward 6, Private Leonard E. Landry Square, in honor of a hero of World War II, who was killed in North Africa on November 10, 1942.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

On motion of Councilor Beades, the Council voted to adjourn at 3.46 p. m., to meet on Monday, December 27, 1948, at 2 p. m.

Note: All debate of City Council eliminated from proceedings in accordance with Chapter 447, Acts of 1947.

(Stenographic copy of such debate on file in office of City Clerk.)

CITY OF BOSTON PRINTING DEPARTMENT

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of City Council.

Monday, December 27, 1948.

Regular meeting of the City Council held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 2 p. m., President HANNON in the chair. Absent, Councilor Yerxa.

The meeting was opened with the salute to the Flag.

CERTAIN OFFICERS TO BE ASSIGNED TO POLICE LISTING.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, December 20, 1948.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Police Department relative to your order of December 13, 1948, concerning police officers to be assigned to police listing.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Police Department, December 17, 1948.

Mr. Lawrence P. Gilligan,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Sir:

I return herewith order of the City Council passed December 13, 1948, which reads as follows:

"Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor suggest to the Police Commissioner that only those officers over 50 years of age be assigned to police listing who request such duty."

This is to advise that this order would mean the elimination of approximately 850 police officers for this work and would seriously interfere with the schedule of the Assessing and Election Departments.

Very truly yours,
THOMAS F. SULLIVAN,
Police Commissioner.

Placed on file.

NOTICE OF HEARINGS ON LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATIONS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, December 13, 1948.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I enclose herewith communication from the Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission relative to your order of December 6, 1948, concerning the notification of all public officials in the various Boston wards affected, at least one week before the date of any hearing on any appeal regarding applications for liquor licenses.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission,
Boston, December 10, 1948.

Mr. Lawrence P. Gilligan,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Mr. Gilligan:

Your memorandum under date of December 6, 1948, which was accompanied by an attested copy of an order adopted by the City Council of the City of Boston on December 6, 1948, is hereby acknowledged.

In each instance, prior to fixing a date and time for any hearing on an appeal taken to this Commission from the failure or refusal of the Licensing Board for the City of Boston to grant or permit the transfer of location of a license for the sale of alcoholic beverages, the said Board, at our request, furnishes us with a list of all persons who should receive notice thereof. Such a list always includes all elected or appointed public officials who have, either directly or indirectly, filed with the Board a notice of their desire to receive notices of hearings concerning matters pertaining to licenses for the sale of alcoholic beverages within their respective districts. Similarly included are civic and like organizations or the officials thereof who have likewise filed with the Board a notice of a desire to be heard.

It has always been the policy of this Commission to send prompt and suitable notice to persons in interest in these matters, so that in all cases at least one weekend will intervene between the date of the receipt of notice and the date of the hearing.

We have no doubt but that his Honor, Mayor James M. Curley, will agree that this procedure is substantially in accordance with the desires of the members of the Council in this respect as expressed in their order.

Very truly yours,
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES CONTROL COMMISSION,
WILLIAM H. HEARN, Secretary.

Placed on file.

PAYMENT OF PENSIONS BEFORE CHRISTMAS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, December 27, 1948.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Retirement Board relative to your order of December 20, 1948, concerning the payments to all pensioners a few days in advance of Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Boston Retirement Board,
December 22, 1948.

Mr. Lawrence P. Gilligan,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Sir:

Re Council order of December 20, 1948, it has been the practice of the Retirement Board from the beginning to pay all pensioners a few days in advance of Thanksgiving and Christmas. As usual, this has been done this year.

Very truly yours,
W. D. KENNEY,
Secretary and Executive Officer.

Placed on file.

REMOVAL OF LOOSE GRAVEL FROM WARD 6 STREETS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, December 27, 1948.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Public Works Department, relative to your order of December 13, 1948, concerning the removal of loose gravel from the streets in Ward 6, South Boston, because of the dust that results, which is a cause for breeding consumption in that vicinity.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Boston, December 23, 1948.

To Lawrence P. Gilligan, Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.

From Robert P. Curley, Commissioner, Public Works Department.

Subject: Order in Council, December 13, 1948.

Receipt is acknowledged of your memorandum of December 15, attaching order in Council, under date of December 13, 1948, which reads as follows:

"Ordered, That the Public Works Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to remove all loose gravel from the streets in Ward 6, South Boston, because of the dust that results therefrom which is a cause for breeding consumption for the people living in that vicinity."

Report has been received from the chief supervisor of the Sanitary Division stating that this condition has been taken care of and the area thoroughly cleaned.

ROBERT P. CURLEY,
Commissioner of Public Works.

Placed on file.

REMOVAL OF OFFAL IN CERTAIN SECTIONS BY CITY LABOR.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, December 27, 1948.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Public Works Department relative to your order of December 22, 1948, concerning the abandoning of the plan to award contracts for the removal of offal from the West End, North End, and Back Bay, and to continue the performance of this work by the regular city labor forces.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Boston, December 24, 1948.

To Lawrence P. Gilligan, Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
From Robert P. Curley, Commissioner, Public Works Department.
Subject: Council Order, December 20, 1948.

Receipt is acknowledged of your memorandum of December 22, attaching order in Council, under date of December 20, 1948, which reads as follows:

"Ordered, That the Public Works Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to abandon the plan to award contracts for the removal of offal from the West End, North End, and Back Bay and to continue the performance of this work by the regular city labor forces."

The changing of the North and West End districts from day labor to contract has been under consideration for some time, and I am convinced that it is for the best interests of the city that this work be performed by contract, inasmuch as the work can be done at a considerably less expenditure without any reduction in the quantity or quality of service rendered to the public.

As regards the Back Bay, this district has been under contract for the past eight years, and to do this work under day labor, with the certain increase in price, would be unconscionable.

ROBERT P. CURLEY,
Commissioner of Public Works.

Placed on file.

ARC LIGHTS FOR DORCHESTER TOWN FIELD.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, December 22, 1948.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Park Department, relative to your order of December 13, 1948, concerning the including in their budget of sufficient money to install electric lights in the Dorchester Town Field.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Park Department, December 18, 1948.

Mr. Lawrence P. Gilligan,
Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office.
Dear Sir:

I desire to acknowledge your memorandum, with enclosure, City Council order dated December 13, 1948, requesting the Park Commission to include in their 1949 budget sufficient money to install electric arc lights in the Dorchester Town Field.

I presume that what the City Council is interested in arc floodlights for this playground. This is the third City Council request we have had for the installation of floodlights on some of the major parks and playgrounds of the city.

I will submit to the Budget Commissioner an estimate of the cost of installing such floodlights. I wish to say, however, that the recent cost of installing floodlights on a park outside of the City of Boston was $55,000.

Very truly yours,
JOHN J. MURPHY, Chairman.

Placed on file.

USE OF SCHOOL LAND, WARD 22, FOR PARKING PURPOSES.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, December 22, 1948.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the School Committee, relative to your order of November 15, 1948, concerning the use of the land between Lothrop street and Waverly avenue, Ward 22, for the parking of cars during the winter months to alleviate the scarcity of garages, and to eliminate the parking of cars on Waverly avenue and Lothrop street.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

The School Committee of the City of Boston,
Office of the Secretary,
December 16, 1948.

Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.
Dear Sir:

At a conference of the School Committee held on November 23, 1948, an order passed by the City Council under date of November 15, 1948, was presented requesting "the School Committee, through your Honor, to permit the use of the land between Lothrop street and Waverly avenue, Ward 22, for the parking of cars during the winter months to alleviate the scarcity of garages and to eliminate the parking of cars on Waverly avenue and Lothrop street," which land is under the control of the School Committee.

This order of the City Council was referred to the Superintendent for investigation and report back to the Committee.

At the conference of the Committee held on December 7, 1948, the Superintendent reported that under a ruling of former Corporation Counsel Samuel Silverman there is no authority in law to appropriate money for the purpose of preparing land belonging to the School Committee for parking space; also there is no authority in the law to permit the use of school property for such purpose.

In view of this ruling of the Law Department, the Committee regrets that it cannot grant the request of the City Council.

Very truly yours,
LOUISE KANE, Secretary.

Placed on file.

INSTALLATION OF TRAFFIC LIGHTS AT JUNCTION, WARDS 21 AND 22.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, December 22, 1948.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Traffic Commission concerning your order of October 18, 1948, relative to the installation of traffic lights at the junction of Warren, Sparhawk, and Cambridge streets, Wards 21 and 22.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Traffic Commission, December 16, 1948.

Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.
Dear Sir:
Subject: Blue Memo of October 22, 1948, from Lawrence P. Gilligan, Chief Clerk, Mayor's Office, Requesting Consideration and Report on the Following Council Order:

Ordered, That the Traffic Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to install traffic lights at the junction of Warren, Sparhawk, and Cambridge streets, Wards 21 and 22.

In reference to above subject please be advised that we are aware that this intersection should be

signalized and when we submit our request for money for lights for next year we will include the above.

Respectfully submitted,
LEO F. CURLEY, Commissioner.

Placed on file.

TRAFFIC SIGNALS, HOLTON AND EVERETT STREETS, WARD 22.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, December 22, 1948.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Traffic Commission, relative to your order of November 15, 1948, concerning the installing of traffic signal lights at the corner of Holton and Everett streets, Ward 22.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Traffic Commission, December 9, 1948.

Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.
Dear Sir:

Subject: Blue Memo of November 17, 1948, from Lawrence P. Gilligan, Chief Clerk, Requesting Consideration and Report on the Following Council Order:

Ordered, That the Traffic Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to install traffic signal lights at the corner of Holton and Everett streets, Ward 22.

In reference to above subject please be advised that it is the opinion of the engineers of this department that the installation of traffic lights at this intersection should be deferred until more pressing spots are taken care of.

Respectfully submitted,
LEO F. CURLEY, Commissioner.

Placed on file.

TRAFFIC SIGNAL, CITY HOSPITAL PARKING AREA.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, December 22, 1948.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Traffic Commission, relative to your order of November 15, 1948, concerning the installing of an automatic traffic signal at the entrance to the parking area on the City Hospital grounds on Albany street, alongside the gatelodge, said traffic light to synchronize with the light at the corner of Massachusetts avenue and Albany street.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Traffic Commission, December 16, 1948.

Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.
Dear Sir:

Subject: Blue Memo of November 17, 1948, from Lawrence P. Gilligan, Chief Clerk, Requesting Consideration and Report on Council Order which reads as follows:

Ordered, That the Traffic Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to install an automatic traffic signal at the entrance to the parking area on the City Hospital grounds on Albany street, alongside the gatelodge, said traffic light to synchronize with the light at the corner of Massachusetts avenue and Albany street.

In reference to above subject please be advised that an investigation was made in this area and it is the opinion of the engineers that the situation is handled, for the small amount of traffic that uses the entrance, by the restriction we have in effect that the inside lane outbound is reserved for ambulances and is being rigidly enforced by the police.

Respectfully submitted,
LEO F. CURLEY, Commissioner.

Placed on file.

AUTOMATIC TRAFFIC SIGNALS, WARD 20.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, December 22, 1948.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Traffic Commission relative to your order of November 15, 1948, concerning the installing of automatic traffic signals at the corner of Manthorne road and Centre street, Ward 20.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Traffic Commission, December 16, 1948.

Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.
Dear Sir:

Subject: Blue Memo Dated November 17, 1948, from Lawrence P. Gilligan, Chief Clerk, Requesting Consideration and Report on Following Council Order:

Ordered, That the Traffic Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to install automatic traffic signals at the corner of Manthorne road and Centre street, Ward 20.

In reference to the above subject please be advised that the engineers of this department have made a thorough investigation and it is their opinion that this intersection should not be given consideration over other intersections which they feel are in far greater need of signalization.

Respectfully submitted,
LEO F. CURLEY, Commissioner.

Placed on file.

INSTALLATION OF TRAFFIC SIGNALS, WASHINGTON AND BEECH STREETS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, December 23, 1948.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Traffic Commission relative to your order of November 29, 1948, concerning the installing of automatic traffic signals at Washington and Beech streets, in Wards 18 and 20.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Traffic Commission, December 21, 1948.

Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.
Dear Sir:

Subject: Council Order Dated November 29, 1948, Requesting the Boston Traffic Commission to Install Automatic Traffic Signals at Washington and Beech Streets in Wards 18 and 20.

In reference to the above, please be advised that this intersection has been under study by this department for a number of years.

It is the opinion of the engineers of this department that other intersections are more dangerous and should receive prior consideration.

Respectfully submitted,
LEO F. CURLEY, Commissioner.

Placed on file.

FEES CHARGED BY PARKING LOT OPERATORS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, December 27, 1948.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith communication from the Law Department relative to your order of December 13, 1948, concerning the matter of fixing a minimum and maximum fee that can be charged by operators of parking lots within the City of Boston to persons who park on their premises.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Law Department, December 17, 1948.

Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Mr. Mayor:

Recently you transmitted to me the following order passed by the City Council on December 13, 1948:

"Ordered, That the Corporation Counsel be requested, through his honor the Mayor, to render an opinion as to what rights, if any, the City Council or Board of Street Commissioners have in the matter of fixing a minimum and maximum fee that can be charged by operators of parking lots within the City of Boston to persons who park on their premises."

It is well settled that where the Legislature has enacted a statute designed to regulate a certain activity, there is no room for ordinances or bylaws. Commonwealth *v.* Wolbarst, 319 Mass. 291, 295, 296, and cases cited. That is the situation here as more fully appears from G. L. (Ter. Ed.) c. 148, s. 56, which was accepted by a vote of the City Council on December 29, 1930, and approved by the then Mayor on December 30, of the same year. This statute provides as follows:

"In any city or town which accepts the provisions of this section no person shall engage in the business of conducting or maintaining an open-air parking space without a license therefor granted by the licensing authority, approved in all cases by the head of the fire department. The license shall specify all the premises to be occupied by the licensee for the purpose of conducting the licensed business. The fee for each such license shall be such amount as may be established by the authority granting the license, and said authority may reasonably classify said licenses and fees. Licenses granted hereunder shall expire on April 30th following the date of issue, or on such date as may be specified therein, and may be suspended or revoked by such authority and by the head of the fire department. Whoever, not being licensed, engages in a business required by this section to be licensed, or is concerned therein, or, being licensed, engages in such business, or is concerned therein, in any other place than that designated in his license or after notice to him that his license has been suspended or revoked, shall be punished by a fine of not more than one hundred dollars."

The statute quoted is obviously intended as the sole regulation of the open-air parking space business. It follows that the City Council has no power to limit in any way the fees to be charged by any proprietor of such a business for the parking of a motor vehicle on his premises. The conclusion here reached is in accord with an opinion rendered by former Corporation Counsel Henry Parkman, Jr., on February 8, 1939, the full text of which is set forth in the Minutes of the City Council's meeting of February 14, 1939.

The above-quoted order further inquires as to the rights of the Board of Street Commissioners (the licensing authority—*see* G. L. (Ter. Ed.) c. 148, s. 1, as amended) to fix such fees. In the absence of a grant of authority from the Legislature, a municipality has no power to fix prices. Green *v.* Mayor of Fitchburg, 219 Mass. 121, 126, 127. The statute quoted contains no express language conferring upon the Board of Street Commissioners any such power; nor can that statute fairly be said to infer a grant of such power. Accordingly, it is my opinion that the Board of Street Commissioners has no power under existing law to regulate the fees in question. This conclusion is in accord with an opinion rendered by former Corporation Counsel Robert Cutler on March 31, 1941 in connection with a proposed order of the City Council requesting the Board of Street Commissioners to regulate fees of this character.

In conclusion, I wish to call your attention to a bill filed for consideration by the 1949 legislature. Under this bill, if enacted, licenses granted under the statute above-quoted could contain schedules of maximum rates to be charged by the licensee.

Respectfully yours,
JOSEPH SCOLPONETI,
Corporation Counsel

Placed on file.

TRANSFERS OF APPROPRIATIONS.

The following were received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, December 27, 1948.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:

The enclosed requests for transfer of appropriations, together with the accompanying orders, are forwarded for consideration and adoption by your Honorable Body.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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Ordered, That in accordance with the provisions of section 3B of chapter 486 of the Acts of 1909, as amended by chapter 604 of the Acts of 1941, the City Auditor be, and hereby is, authorized to transfer:

From the appropriation for Public Works Department, Workmen's Compensation Service, Establishment of, $1,600, to the appropriation for Public Works Department, Central Office, A-1, Permanent Employees, $1,600.

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Ordered, That in accordance with the provisions of section 3B of chapter 486 of the Acts of 1909, as amended by chapter 604 of the Acts of 1941, the City Auditor be, and hereby is, authorized to transfer:

From the appropriation for Weights and Measures Department, C-10, Library, $30, C-15, Tires, Tubes and Accessories, $82.14, to the appropriation for Weights and Measures Department, A-1, Permanent Employees, $112.14.

Severally referred to the Executive Committee.

PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received and referred to the committees named, viz.:

Claims.

Patrick Burns, for compensation for damage to property at 78 Forest street, Roxbury, caused while digging near sewer.

William F. Butler, for compensation for damage to property at 26 Ingleside street, Roxbury, caused by break in water main.

Edison Motor Car Company, for refund on used car dealer's license.

Gordon Motor Sales, for refund on used car dealer's license.

William A. Grant, for compensation for damage to property at 42 Charles street, Hyde Park, caused by city truck.

Paul R. Harvey, to be reimbursed for accident which occurred while in performance of duty.

Jamaica Cab Company, for compensation for damage to car by motor vehicle of Police Department.

Doris L. Lambrecht, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect on steps of Hyde Park branch library.

Massachusetts Cement Block Company, for compensation for damage to car by city truck.

Open Air Lot, for refund on used car dealer's license.

Albert Richmond, for compensation for injuries caused by snow falling from roof at 94-98 North Market street.

William J. Rizzo, for compensation for damage to car by city truck.

Sente Motor Sales, Inc., for refund on used car dealer's license.

Erma M. Tate, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in Queensberry street.

Executive.

Petition of Gertrude A. Murphy, to be paid annuity on account of death of husband, Joseph F. Murphy, late member of Fire Department.

MINORS' LICENSES.

Applications for minors' licenses were received from 11 newsboys.

Licenses granted under usual conditions.

NOTICE OF INTEREST IN CONTRACT.

Notice was received from Joseph J. Benkert, member of Boston Housing Authority, of his interest in a contract with the city.
Placed on file.

TAKING PORTION OF DORCHESTER AVENUE FOR STATE HIGHWAY.

Notice was received from State Department of Public Works of taking for a state highway a portion of Dorchester avenue.
Placed on file.

APPROVAL OF STATE BOARD OF HOUSING.

Notice was received from the State Board of Housing approving expenditures on River and Cottage streets projects.

APPROPRIATION FOR SOCIAL LAW LIBRARY.

Coun. HANNON offered the following:
Ordered, That there be allowed and paid to the proprietors of the Social Law Library the sum of one thousand dollars ($1,000) for the maintenance and enlargement of said library, said sum to be charged to the appropriation for County of Suffolk, Social Law Library.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

KINGSTON STREET AS COASTING STREET.

Coun. KINSELLA offered the following:
Ordered, That the Street Commissioners, through his Honor the Mayor, be requested to reserve Kingston street, Ward 2, as a coasting street.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

REQUESTED ACTION AGAINST CERTAIN PARKING LOT OPERATORS.

Coun. BEADES and KEENAN offered the following:
Ordered, That the Fire Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to take immediate action against the following-named owners of parking spaces for violation of fire regulations issued May 1, 1944:
The parking lot at the junction of Congress and State streets, owned by Park, Inc.
The parking lot at Winthrop square, owned by the Boston Auto Parking Company.
The parking lot at Post Office square, owned by Park, Inc.
This action to be taken immediately as the lives and property of the public are endangered by the violation of these regulations.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to take immediate action against the following-named parking lot operators for violation of the rules and regulations issued by the Board of Street Commissioners on February 16, 1948, particularly sections 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 21, 22, 24, and 25, which regulations were found to be flagrantly violated, either severally or jointly, by the following-named parking lot operators:
The parking lot at the junction of Congress and State streets, owned by Park, Inc.
The parking lot at Winthrop square, owned by the Boston Auto Parking Company.
The parking lot at Post Office square, owned by Park, Inc.
And be it further
Ordered, That suitable action as described in section 26 of the Rules and Regulations be immediately taken as the lives and safety of the general public are endangered by the violation of these regulations.

Ordered, That the Police Commissioner of the City of Boston be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to take immediate action with reference to violations of police ordinances regarding parking spaces as follows:
The parking lot at the junction of Congress and State streets, owned by Park, Inc.
The parking lot at Winthrop square, owned by the Boston Auto Parking Company.
The parking lot at Post Office square, owned by Park, Inc.
This action to be deemed an emergency as the lives and property of the citizens are endangered.
Severally passed under suspension of the rule.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LICENSES.

Coun. COFFEY, for the Committee on Licenses, submitted the following:
Report on petition of Interstate Passenger Service, Inc. (referred August 30, 1948), for license to operate motor vehicles from Everett line to Park square—recommending that license be granted.
Report on petition of Almeida's Bus Lines, Inc., (referred June 7, 1948), for license to operate motor vehicles from Milton line to Park square—recommending that license be granted.
Reports accepted; licenses severally granted under usual conditions.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONFIRMATIONS.

Coun. ANSEL, for the Committee on Confirmations, submitted the following:
Report on appointments by the Mayor (referred December 13) of George F. Casey and Joseph J. Henaghan as Constables, to serve without bond and without authority to serve civil process, for term ending April 30, 1949—recommending that appointments be confirmed.
Report on appointments by the Mayor (referred December 20) of Stephen P. Devine and Edward A. Finnerty, to be Weighers of Goods, for term ending April 30, 1949—recommending that appointments be confirmed.
Report on appointments by the Mayor (referred November 29) of Noble R. Steves and Holly J. Steves, to be Weighers of Goods, for term ending April 30, 1949—recommending that appointments be confirmed.
The reports were accepted, and the question came on confirmation. Committee, Councilors Wenzler and Shanley. Whole number of ballots 14; yeas 14, nays 0, and the appointments were confirmed.

FLOODING CERTAIN PLAYGROUNDS, WARD 10.

Coun. CAREY offered the following:
Ordered, That the Park Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to arrange to flood the Jefferson, Joseph McLaughlin, and Mission Playgrounds in Ward 10.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

BRANCH LIBRARY, GROVE STREET SECTION OF WEST ROXBURY.

Coun. BRYAN offered the following:
Ordered, That the Board of Trustees of the Boston Public Library be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to include sufficient money in their budget to provide for a Branch Library in the Grove street section of West Roxbury.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

SANDING TRUCK PERMANENTLY ASSIGNED TO ROSLINDALE—WEST ROXBURY DISTRICT.

Coun. BRYAN offered the following:
Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor instruct the Commissioner of Public Works to permanently assign a sanding truck to the Roslindale-West Roxbury district so that it will be immediately available when needed.
Referred to the Executive Committee.

OPPOSING TELEPHONE RATE INCREASE.

Coun. SULLIVAN offered the following:

Resolved, That the Boston City Council, in meeting assembled, go on record as opposing the rate increase of 22 per cent requested by the New England Telephone Company, the application for which is now pending before the Department of Public Utilities; and be it further

Resolved, That the City Clerk forward a copy of the above Resolve to the Department of Public Utilities.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

RECLASSIFICATION OF LONG ISLAND HOSPITAL EMPLOYEES.

Coun. SULLIVAN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Institution Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to reclassify all employees of the Long Island Hospital similar to the classification of employees at the Boston City Hospital and the Boston Sanatorium.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

ASSIGNMENT OF HELPER TO HEAVY DUTY TRUCKS.

Coun. SULLIVAN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Public Works Commissioner be directed, through his Honor the Mayor, to assign a helper on every heavy duty truck in the department such as Walter snow fighters, which are used for plowing and sanding and the heavy trucks which are used only for plowing.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

PICKUP OF CHRISTMAS TREES AFTER JANUARY 4.

Coun. SULLIVAN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to assign to the Street Cleaning and Paving Divisions of his department the duty of picking up all Christmas trees after January 4; and he it further

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be directed, through his Honor the Mayor, to seek the cooperation of the daily newspapers so that the pickups might be advertised and carried out in a manner similar to the waste paper pickups as this will reduce a fire hazard.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON INSPECTION OF PRISONS.

Coun. RAMSEY, for the Committee on Inspection of Prisons, submitted the following:

The Committee on Inspection of Prisons respectfully submits the following report of commitments to and discharges and transfers from the Suffolk County House of Correction and Charles Street Jail during the municipal year 1948.

For the Committee:
ROBERT J. RAMSEY, Chairman.

Suffolk County,
House of Correction, July 1, 1948.

To the Inspectors of the Prisons for the County of Suffolk.

Gentlemen:

I respectfully submit the following report of the commitments to, and the discharges from, the Suffolk County House of Correction at Deer Island, from January 1, 1948, to June 30, 1948:

Remaining December 31, 1947	533
Committed	1,177
Discharged	1,024
Remaining June 30, 1948	686

SHOWING HOW DISCHARGED.

Expiration of sentence	659
Expiration of sentence and fine paid	30
Fine paid	3
Permit of Penal Commissionor	254
Expiration of sentence and permit of Penal Commissioner	3
Order of the court	6
Escaped	3
Died	1
Transferred to:	
Barnstable House of Correction	2
Boston State Hospital	2
Cambridge House of Correction	2
Charles Street Jail	48
Concord Reformatory	6
Norfolk Prison Colony	2

Respectfully submitted,
GEORGE F. A. MULCAHY, Master.

Suffolk County,
House of Correction, December 23, 1948.

To the Inspectors of the Prisons for the County of Suffolk.

Gentlemen:

I respectfully submit the following report of the commitments to, and the discharges from, the Suffolk County House of Correction at Deer Island, from July 1, 1948, to December 15, 1948:

Remaining June 30, 1948	686
Committed	1,181
Discharged	1,286
Remaining December 15, 1948	581

SHOWING HOW DISCHARGED.

Expiration of sentence	800
Expiration of sentence and fine paid	26
Fine paid	4
Permit of Penal Commissioner	418
Expiration of sentence and permit of Penal Commissioner	4
Fine paid and permit of Penal Commissioner,	5
Order of the court	3
Escaped	6
Transferred to:	
Boston State Hospital	2
Charles Street Jail	9
Norfolk Prison Colony	2
State Farm at Bridgewater	1
Concord Reformatory	5
Boston Psychopathic Hospital	1

Respectfully submitted,
ROBERT F. MACKIE, Master.

County of Suffolk,
Office of Sheriff, June 30, 1948.

To the Inspectors of Prisons for the County of Suffolk.

Gentlemen:

I respectfully submit the following report of the commitments to and the discharges from the Suffolk County Jail, from December 31, 1948, to June 30, 1948:

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Remaining December 31, 1948	161	36	197
Committed from December 31, 1947, to June 30, 1948	3,462	628	4,090
Discharged from December 31, 1947, to June 30, 1948	3,399	599	3,998
Remaining June 30, 1948,	154	68	222
Poor debtors remaining December 31, 1947, to June 30, 1948			0
Poor debtors committed December 31, 1947, to June 30, 1948			1
Poor debtors discharged from December 31, 1947, to June 30, 1948			1
Escapes			0
Recaptures			0
Insane			20
Deaths			2

Respectfully submitted,
FREDERICK R. SULLIVAN,
Sheriff and Jailer.

County of Suffolk,
Office of Sheriff, December 15, 1948.

To the Inspectors of Prisons for the County of Suffolk.

Gentlemen:

I respectfully submit the following report of the commitments to, and the discharges from, the

Suffolk County Jail, from June 30, 1948, to December 15, 1948:

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Remaining June 30, 1948,	154	68	222
Committed from June 30, to December 15, 1948,	3,514	569	4,083
Discharged from June 30, to December 15, 1948,	3,469	587	4,056
Remaining December 15, 1948	178	51	229
Poor debtors remaining June 30, 1948			0
Poor debtors committed from June 30, to December 15, 1948			0
Poor debtors remaining from June 30, to December 15, 1948			0
Escapes			0
Recaptures			0
Insane			14
Deaths			0

Respectfully submitted,
FRENERICK R. SULLIVAN,
Sheriff and Jailer.

The report of the committee was accepted.

COASTING SIGNS.

Coun. WENZLER offered the following:

Ordered, That the Traffic Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to supply all police station houses with necessary coasting signs to protect the children.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

REPORT OF WELFARE COMMITTEE.

President HANNON requested Councilor Wenzler, who made an oral report, to present his report in writing in order that the Council as a Body could take action on it.

HOURS OF WORK OF POLICE.

Coun. RAMSEY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Police Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to adhere to the established police day which is from 7.45 a. m. to 7.45 a. m., and that the officers and men be paid for holidays, as provided in the new bill, in accordance with this police day.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

SICK LEAVE FOR THOSE ON ANNUAL SALARY.

Coun. KEENAN and BEADES offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor direct all department heads to provide for 15 days sick leave accumulative to 90 days for those on an annual salary, the provisions to be similar to those already in effect in the labor service.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

RECESS.

On motion of Councilor Carey, the Council voted to take a recess at 2.40 p. m., subject to the call of the Chair. The members reassembled and were called to order by President HANNON at 3.23 p. m.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Coun. McCORMACK, for the Executive Committee, submitted the following:

1. Report on order (referred today) for assignment of helper to heavy duty trucks of Public Works Department—recommending passage of the order.

Report accepted; said order passed.

2. Report on order (referred today) for pickup of Christmas trees after January 4—recommending passage of the order.

Report accepted; said order passed.

3. Report on order (referred today) to have sanding truck permanently assigned to Roslindale-West Roxbury district—recommending passage of the order.

Report accepted; said order passed.

4. Report on message of Mayor and orders (referred today) for transfer of departmental appropriations— recommending that the order for transfer of $112.14 to Weights and Measures Department ought to pass.

The report was accepted, and the order for transfer of $112.14 to Weights and Measures Department was passed, yeas 14, nays 0:

Yeas—Councilors Ansel, Beades, Bryan, Chase, Hannon, Keenan, Kinsella, Lane, Lanigan, Linehan, McCormack, Shanley, Sullivan, Wenzler—14.

Nays—0.

THE NEXT MEETING.

On motion of Councilor Kinsella, it was voted that when the Council adjourn, it adjourn to meet Monday, January 3, 1949, at 11 o'clock a. m.

OPPOSING WIDENING OF PORTION OF HUNTINGTON AVENUE.

Coun. CHASE offered the following:

Resolved, That the Boston City Council, in regular meeting assembled, hereby records itself as opposed to the widening of Huntington avenue, between Gainsborough street and Symphony Hall, and respectfully urges the Board of Street Commissioners to reject the petition for said widening; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be sent immediately to the Board of Street Commissioners.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

VISIT TO COUNCIL BY EDWARD J. CRONIN.

The newly elected Secretary of State, Edward J. Cronin, who was presented to the Council by President Hannon, briefly addressed the Council.

VISITS BY COUNCILORS TO VARIOUS CITY DEPARTMENTS.

Coun. HANNON offered the following:

Ordered, That one day of each week be set aside as Visiting Day for Councilors in the various city departments so that in the course of the year every department of the city will be visited and inspected by the members of the City Council in order that they may become acquainted with the workings of these departments and may see how the money which they appropriate is expended and, likewise, may consider the needs and expansions of the various departments.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

CLEARING STREETS AND HIGHWAYS OF ICE AND SNOW.

Coun. COOK offered the following:

Ordered, That the Public Works Commissioner be ordered by his Honor the Mayor to take immediate steps to clear all streets and highways of ice and snow.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

TRAFFIC IMPROVEMENTS, SULLIVAN SQUARE.

Coun. KINSELLA offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to consult with the Street Commissioners and the Department of Public Works, Highway Division, relative to the status of the plans for traffic improvements at Sullivan square, Ward 2.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

VOTE OF THANKS TO PRESIDENT HANNON.

On motion of Councilor Lane, it was voted to give a rising vote of thanks to President Hannon.

A unanimous rising vote of thanks was given.

President Hannon expressed his thanks and appreciation for the cooperation extended by the members of the Council.

Adjourned, on motion of Councilor Cook, at 3.45 p. m., to meet on Monday, January 3, 1949, at 11 o'clock a. m.

Note: All debate of City Council eliminated from proceedings in accordance with Chapter 447, Acts of 1947.

(Stenographic copy of such debate on file in office of City Clerk.)

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